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- June 1, 2023 meeting minutes were approved.
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- The council discussed the 2024 budget.
- There are items on the east side of the Community Building that are free. Any items not picked up by August 1, 2023 will be donated to Goodwill.
- The City Office has 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary t-shirts for sale. Adult shirts are \$5.00 each and youth shirts are \$3.00 each. Sizes and colors are limited. Cash or check only.
- Acid free historical boxes are to be purchased for long term storage of various historical documents.
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The fragile, 1952 postwar tranquility of a young boy's world explodes one summer day when a leopard escapes from the Oklahoma City zoo, throwing all the local residents into dangerous excitement, in this evocative story of a child's confrontation with his deepest fears



For Grady McClarty, an ever-watchful but bewildered five-year-old boy, World War II is only a troubling, ungraspable event that occurred before he was born. But he feels its effects all around him. He and his older brother Danny are fatherless, and their mother, Bethie, is still grieving for her fighter-pilot husband. Most of all, Grady senses it in his two uncles: young combat veterans determined to step into a fatherhood role for their nephews, even as they struggle with the psychological scars they carry from the war.

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**Citizens State Bank and Trust Co.**

Our Lobby hours are:

9am-12pm & 1-3pm Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, & Friday  
 9am-12pm & 1-6pm Wednesday  
 Closed 12-1pm every day for lunch



**USD 251  
 Back to School**



**Enrollment Dates**

July 31st: PK-12th 1-8pm August 1st : PK-12th 8am-12pm

**Textbook Fees**

PK-12th	9th-12th
Textbook .....\$50	Art (per class)..... \$15
Technology.....\$35	FACS (per class) ..... \$15
Band instrument (monthly rent)...\$10	Vo-AG (per class)..... \$15
	Drivers Ed ..... \$85

**Meal Prices**

Breakfast	Lunch
PK-8th .....\$2.15	PK-8th ..... \$3.20
9th-12th .....\$2.40	6th-8th ..... \$3.30
Adult .....\$3.00	9th-12th ..... \$3.40
Extra Milk ... 50¢	Adult ..... \$5.00

**School Hours**

Preschool	KG-8th	9th-12th
8:10am-3:30pm	8:10am-3:30pm	7:50am-3:10pm

**First day of School: Wednesday, August 23rd.**

**After School Care.** We offer after school care for Preschool through 5th grade students on school days.

**RESCHEDULED  
 USD 251 FREE  
 SPORTS PHYSICALS**

NLC ELEMENTARY  
 AUG 2, 2023  
 6PM-8PM

Any USD 251 student who will be in grades 6-12 is welcome to participate. Athletes must have a physical on file after May 1, 2023 in order to participate in the 2023-2024 season.

Questions, please contact School Nurse, Ashley Darbrd at Darbroa@USD251.org

**NLC PTO**

Please become an active member of our PTO. The PTO is a group of parents that helps to provide special programs and events for your children, but it cannot function without the help of many parents. Please see the calendar or FaceBook page for meeting times and dates. We're counting on you!

Please like and join our FaceBook page for information on meetings, fundraisers, and volunteer opportunities.

<https://www.facebook.com/amicus.nlc/>

**NHHS Booster Club Notes**

Keep up-to-date by joining Booster Club email list. Send email to northernheightsboosterclub@gmail.com.

Also, join our FaceBook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/137671147589399>

## Honor Flight

Honor Flight recognizes American veterans for your sacrifice and achievements by flying you to Washington, D.C. to see your memorial at no cost. Top priority is given to WWII and terminally ill veterans from all wars. Honor Flight could also include Korean and Vietnam veterans, depending on number of applications. Applications are available at The Miracle Cafe, or on Reading KS website home page at: <https://www.readingsks.com/>.

## Fireworks Display

Thank you from our community to the Reading Lions Club for hosting this most enjoyable event and to all the of the following organizations and individuals for making this most memorable event possible. The City of Reading, Citizens State Bank & Trust, The Miracle Cafe, Pioneer Seed/Eugene Jackson, and the families of Bill Paige, and Don Patton. We all hope this is the beginning of more great events to follow!



## Performance Sports

Registration for Hoops Academy is Live! Spots fill fast, reserve today!

### Sundays

Aug. 20th, 27th  
Sept. 10th, 17th, 24th  
Oct. 1st, 8th, 15th

K thru 6th: 3pm-3:55pm  
JH/HS Girls: 4pm-4:55pm  
JH/HS Boys: 5pm-5:55pm

### Wednesdays

Aug. 23rd, 30th  
Sept. 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th  
Oct. 4th, 11th

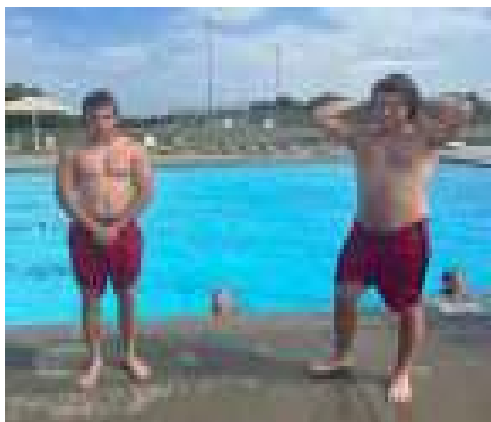
KG thru 3rd: 6pm-6:55pm  
4th thru 6th: 7pm-7:55pm

Check out our website for more information. Lucas Boss  
<https://www.performance-sports.net>

## Reading 4-H



The Reading 4-H Club held our monthly meeting at the Osage City pool for a pool party! The picture above is of Caden Jackson, Crue Jackson, along with Talon Price enjoying the pool! We have been working hard getting ready for the fair, getting



all our projects in order for displaying and judging. The fair kicks off on July 27th starting with the Friends of 4-H Picnic and runs through Monday, August 7th ending with the 4-H sale. Our Reading 4-H Club would like to thank everyone that has supported us all through out the year, we appreciate you!! Our next meeting will be on Friday, August 4th after the bucket calf show, this will be our project tour. Hunter Senft, Reporting



## Reading Lions' Club

We have received the Trex bench we ordered with the help of the Bel Aire Lions Club. We are planning on a raffle for it. Next meeting Monday, August 21st at 6:45pm at The Miracle Cafe. Guests welcome, Rosalie Voorhees.

## The Miracle Cafe



### Hours for August are:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday,  
and Friday 9am-3pm; Wednesday 9am-9pm;  
Closed Saturday and Sunday.

**Daily Specials:** Mon., Roast Beef; Tues., Fried Chicken;  
Wed., Cook's Choice; Thurs., Ham; Fri., Mexican.

We will be closed all day Friday, August 4th so Grandma can go to the fair. We will be moving Friday Night Specials to Wednesday Night Specials. No Friday Night Specials in August due to Fair and Football.

## Wednesday Night Specials for August 16th-Smoked Meatloaf, 23rd-Mexican, and 30th-Sloppy Joes.

**Coffee Club Happy Hour!** Monday through Friday 9:30-10:30am. Join us during Happy Hour and enjoy a hot cup of coffee and fellowship for a free will donation. All proceeds go to the RCD!

**Women's Coffee Club** meets at 10am on the first and third Wednesday of each month. Join us, visit, make new friends, enjoy the fellowship.

Thanks for your continued patronage. Reta & Gene Jackson.



## RCD

Reading mugs and cookbooks are available at The Miracle Cafe. Watch FaceBook for next meeting. Reta Jackson

## Lions Club Fundraiser for Shannon Price

Raffle tickets for bench are \$5/each or 3/for \$10. Get them NOW from any Lions Club Member or at The Miracle Cafe.

## Drawing for Raffle and Meal Fundraiser

**Saturday, September 16th**  
5pm - until food runs out at The Miracle Cafe.  
**Free Will Donation.**

**Choice of just a Pulled Pork Sandwich or a meal consisting of a Pulled Pork Sandwich, Baked Beans, Cole Slaw, choice of Coffee, Tea, or Water and a Dessert!**



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>City of Reading Website</p>  <p>www.readingks.com</p>	<p>1</p> <p>July 31st Enrollment 1-8pm</p> <p>August 1st Enrollment 8am-12pm</p> <p><b>NATIONAL GIRLFRIENDS DAY</b></p>	<p>2</p> <p><b>Coffee Club</b> 9:30-10:30am Womens Coffee Club 10am</p> <p>Sports Physicals 6-8pm NLC</p> <p><b>National Ice Cream Sandwich Day</b></p> <p>National Coloring Book Day</p>	<p>3</p> <p><b>LYON COUNTY FAIR</b> →</p> <p>Firecat Dance Camp 8-10am</p> <p>City Council 7pm</p> <p>Recycling Trailer</p> <p><b>NATIONAL WATERMELON DAY</b></p> <p><b>IPA DAY</b></p>	<p>4</p> <p><b>Cafe Closed</b></p> <p>4-H Meeting at fair</p> <p>Firecat Dance Camp 8-10am</p> <p>ACT test registration</p> <p>Trash Pickup</p> <p><b>OBAMA DAY</b></p> <p><b>INTERNATIONAL BEER DAY</b></p>	<p>5</p> <p>← <b>LYON COUNTY FAIR</b></p>	
<p>6</p> <p><b>LYON COUNTY FAIR</b> →</p> <p><b>NATIONAL SISTER'S DAY</b></p> <p><b>ROOT BEER FLOAT DAY</b></p> <p><b>FRIENDSHIP DAY</b></p>	<p>7</p> <p>Sirens test</p> <p>Firecat Dance Camp 8-10am</p> <p>KG Jumpstart 8:30-11:30am</p> <p><b>PURPLE HEART DAY</b></p> <p><b>NATIONAL LIGHTHOUSE DAY</b></p>	<p>8</p> <p>Firecat Dance Camp 8-10am</p> <p>KG Jumpstart 8:30-11:30am</p> <p><b>INTERNATIONAL CAT DAY</b></p>	<p>9</p> <p><b>Coffee Club</b> 9:30-10:30am</p> <p>Barbara's Book Club 11:30am</p> <p>Pizza Ranch</p> <p>Firecat Dance 8-10am</p> <p>KG Jumpstart 8:30-11:30am</p> <p>BOE meeting 7pm</p> <p>Crafters 1:30pm</p> <p>Miracle Cafe</p> <p><b>BOOK LOVERS DAY</b></p>	<p>10</p> <p>KG Jumpstart 8:30-11:30am</p> <p><b>NATIONAL SMORES DAY</b></p> <p><b>WORLD LION DAY</b></p> <p><b>NATIONAL LAZY DAY</b></p>	<p>11</p> <p>Trash Pickup</p>	<p>12</p> <p>← <b>LYON COUNTY FAIR</b></p> <p><b>WORLD ELEPHANT DAY</b></p> <p><b>INTERNATIONAL YOUTH DAY</b></p>
<p>13</p> <p><b>INTERNATIONAL LEFTHANDERS DAY</b></p>	<p>14</p> <p>Sirens test</p> <p>Fall Sports Practices Begins</p> <p><b>WORLD LIZARD DAY</b></p>	<p>15</p> <p>City bills due!</p> <p><b>NATIONAL RELAXATION DAY</b></p>	<p>16</p> <p>Smoked Meatloaf</p> <p><b>Coffee Club</b> 9:30-10:30am</p> <p>Womens Coffee Club 10am</p> <p>5% added to city bills</p> <p>National Roller Coaster Day</p> <p><b>National Tell a Joke Day</b></p>	<p>17</p> <p>Harvesters 10am</p> <p>Recycling Trailer</p> <p>All District Inservice</p> <p><b>NATIONAL NONPROFIT DAY</b></p> <p><b>BLACK CAT APPRECIATION DAY</b></p>	<p>18</p> <p>Teacher Inservice</p> <p>Trash Pickup</p>	<p>19</p> <p><b>WORLD PHOTOGRAPHY DAY</b></p> <p><b>WORLD HUMANITARIAN DAY</b></p> <p><b>NATIONAL AVIATION DAY</b></p>
<p>20</p> <p>UMC Blessing of the Backparks 11am</p> <p>Reading City Park</p> <p>Shut off past due accounts</p> <p>HoopsAcademy</p> <p><b>NATIONAL RADIO DAY</b></p>	<p>21</p> <p>Sirens test</p> <p>Teacher Work Day</p> <p>NHHS: Open House 6pm/ Sports Parent Meeting 7pm</p> <p>Lions 6:30pm</p> <p>International Day of Remembrance and Tribute to the Victims of Terrorism</p> <p><b>Senior Citizen's Day</b></p>	<p>22</p> <p>Freshman Orientation 8:30-11:30am</p> <p>1/2 Teacher Work Day</p> <p>International Day Commemorating the Victims of Acts of Violence based on Religion or Belief</p> <p><b>National Tooth Fairy Day</b></p>	<p>23</p> <p>Mexican</p> <p><b>Coffee Club</b> 9:30-10:30am</p> <p>Crafters 1:30pm</p> <p>Miracle Cafe</p> <p><b>1st Day of School</b></p> <p>HoopsAcademy</p>	<p>24</p> <p><b>NATIONAL WAFFLE DAY</b></p>	<p>25</p> <p>Info for Newsletter due 8am!</p> <p>Don't FORGET!</p> <p>VB-NHHS Jamboree at Olpe 7pm</p> <p>Trash Pickup</p>	<p>26</p> <p>VB-NHHS at Burlingame 9am</p> <p><b>NATIONAL DOG DAY</b></p> <p><b>WOMEN'S EQUALITY DAY</b></p>
<p>27</p> <p>Finished Newsletter Due</p> <p>Don't FORGET!</p> <p>HoopsAcademy</p> <p>FCCLA in Manhattan</p> <p><b>VIDEO MUSIC AWARDS</b></p>	<p>28</p> <p>Sirens test</p> <p>FCCLA in Manhattan</p> <p><b>NATIONAL POWER RANGERS DAY</b></p> <p><b>National Bow Tie Day</b></p>	<p>29</p> <p>VB-NHHS vs W Franklin 5pm</p> <p>International Day Against NUCLEAR Tests</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Sloppy Joes</p> <p><b>Coffee Club</b> 9:30-10:30am</p> <p>HoopsAcademy</p> <p>International Day Of The Victims of Enforced Disappearances</p> <p><b>BEACH DAY</b></p>	<p>31</p> <p>CC-NHHS/NLC at Mission Vly 4pm</p> <p>VB-NLC at Mission Vly 4:30pm</p> <p>FB-NLC vs Lyndon at Chase County 6:30pm</p> <p><b>INTERNATIONAL OVERDOSE Awareness Day</b></p>	<p>Fruit &amp; Veggies for the month: Peaches, Eggplant, Nopaies Catus, Celery, Cactus Pear, Prickly Pear, Okra, and Fennel</p> <p>Flower(s): Poppy &amp; Gladius</p> 	

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○ Full Moon 1st

◐ Last Qtr 8th

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- It was discussed that the timer on the basketball court in the park auto shut off time be changed. Lights have been left on late at night when not in use.
- A water leak has been found and has been temporarily fixed. A replacement of that section of the pipe will be completed this fall/winter.
- It was decided that the rental income from the RV Park and a portion from the Community Building rental income be allocated to electric, water, gas, and sewer general funds.

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Based on the true story of America's only leper colony, *The Second Life of Mirielle West* brings vividly to life the Louisiana institution known as Carville, where thousands of people were stripped of their civil rights, branded as lepers, and forcibly quarantined throughout the entire 20th century.

For Mirielle West, a 1920's socialite married to a silent film star, the isolation and powerlessness of the Louisiana Leper Home is an unimaginable fall from her intoxicatingly chic life of bootlegged champagne and the star-studded parties of Hollywood's Golden Age. When a doctor notices a pale patch of skin on her hand, she's immediately branded a leper and carted hundreds of miles from home to Carville, taking a new name to spare her family and famous husband the shame that accompanies the disease.

At first she hopes her exile will be brief, but those sent to Carville are more prisoners than patients and their disease has no cure. Instead she must find community and purpose within its walls, struggling



2 to redefine her self-worth while fighting an unchosen fate.

As a registered nurse, Amanda Skenandore's medical background adds layers of detail and authenticity to the experiences of patients and medical professionals at Carville – the isolation, stigma, experimental treatments, and disparate community. A tale of repulsion, resilience, and the Roaring '20s, *The Second Life of Mirielle West* is also the story of a health crisis in America's past, made all the more poignant by the author's experiences during another, all-too-recent crisis.

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2023-24 City Stop Departure/Arrival Times for Buses  
These times are subject to change!

### Morning Departure

6:35-Reading (NHHS/NLC)  
7:08-Allen City (NHHS/NLC)  
7:10-Allen Daycare (NHHS/NLC)  
7:10-Americus (NHHS)  
7:15-Admire (NHHS/NLC)

### Afternoon Arrival

3:18-Allen (NHHS)  
3:25-Admire (NHHS)  
3:40-Reading (NHHS)  
3:40-Americus (NHHS)  
4:26-Allen (NLC)  
4:27-Admire (NLC)  
4:55-Reading (NLC)

Please remember to be at the stops 5 minutes early.  
Please remind your students they are never to cross behind the bus.

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## Performance Sports



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### Sundays

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Oct. 1st, 8th, 15th

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JH/HS Girls: 4pm-4:55pm  
JH/HS Boys: 5pm-5:55pm

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## Reading 4-H

The Reading 4-H had a Club Tour at the Lyon County Fair on August 4, 2023. A Club Tour is where we walked together as a club and looked at all our 4-Her's club projects that they have taken to the fair. Each 4-Her had the opportunity to share what they earned and how they did it and anything special they want to share.

The Reading 4-H Club has had a very successful fair and would like to thank all who have supported us throughout the year. We really appreciate your support. A special thanks to all the buyers who came to the 4-H Sale and to those who bought.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, September 13th, 6:45pm at The Miracle Cafe. Hunter Senft, Reporting



## The Miracle Cafe

### Hours for September are:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and  
Friday 9am-3pm; Wednesday 9am-9pm;  
Closed Saturday and Sunday.

**Daily Specials:** Mon., Roast Beef; Tues., Fried Chicken;  
Wed., Cook's Choice; Thurs., Ham; Fri., Mexican.

Closed Monday, September 4th through Wednesday, September 6th for vacation. Please remember, we moved Friday Night Specials to Wednesday Night Specials.

## Wednesday Night Specials for September

**6th-Closed, 13th-Smoked Meatloaf,  
20th-BBQ Ribs, and 27th-Bierocks.**

**Coffee Club Happy Hour!** Monday through Friday 9:30-10:30am. Join us during Happy Hour and enjoy a hot cup of coffee and fellowship for a free will donation. All proceeds go to the RCD!

**Women's Coffee Club** meets at 10am on the first and third Wednesday of each month. Join us, visit, make new friends, enjoy the fellowship. Thanks for your continued patronage. Reta & Gene Jackson.



### RCD

Reading mugs and cookbooks are available at The Miracle Cafe. Watch FaceBook for next meeting. Reta Jackson

## Reading Lions' Club

We discussed our up coming fundraiser and are all ready to make this event special. We also voted to send money to the Lion's Club International to help with the disaster in Hawaii. Next meeting Monday, September 18th at 6:45pm at The Miracle Cafe for a meal. Guests welcome, Rosalie Voorhees.



## Lions Club Fundraiser for Shannon Price

Raffle tickets for bench are \$5/each or 3/for \$10. Get them NOW from any Lions Club Member or at The Miracle Cafe.

## Drawing for Raffle and Meal Fundraiser

**Saturday, September 16th**

**5pm - until food runs out at The Miracle Cafe.**

**Free Will Donation.**

**Choice of just a Pulled Pork Sandwich or a meal consisting of a Pulled Pork Sandwich, Baked Beans, Cole Slaw, choice of Coffee, Tea, or Water and a Dessert!**






## Labor Days





### History of Labor Day | U.S. Department of Labor




The holiday is rooted in the late nineteenth century, when labor activists pushed for a federal holiday to recognize the many contributions workers have made to America's strength, prosperity, and well-being. Have a safe and happy Labor Day!!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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<p>City of Reading Website</p>  <p>www.readingks.com</p>	<p>Fruit &amp; Veggies for the month: Grapes, Figs, Cayenne Peppers, Tomatillos, Chili Peppers, Poblano Peppers, Serrano Peppers, Jalpaeno Peppers.</p> <p>Flower(s): Aster &amp; Forget-me-not</p> 	<p><b>Coffee Club</b> 1 9:30-10:30am NHHS Tailgate Party 5:30pm NHHS FB vs W Franklin 7pm</p> <p><b>Barbara's Book Club</b> 11:30am Chi Em Eats Trash Pickup </p> <p><b>COLLEGE COLORS DAY</b></p>	<p><b>BEARD DAY</b> International <b>BACON DAY</b></p>
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<p>3 Sirens test 4</p> <p><b>Cafe Closed</b> <b>No School</b></p>  <p><b>LABOR DAY</b></p>	<p>5 <b>Cafe Closed</b> NHHS VB at Mission Vly 58pm NHHS FB JV at W Franklin 6pm NLC FB at Manhattan 6pm <b>National Cheese Pizza Day</b></p> <p><b>International Day of Charity</b></p>	<p>6 <b>Cafe Closed</b> Womens Coffee Club 10am Hoops Academy</p> <p><b>READ NATIONAL BOOK DAY</b></p>	<p>7 <b>Coffee Club</b> 9:30-10:30am Bible Study 3:30pm NLC CC at Lyndon 4pm NLC VB at Chase County 4:30pm City Council 7pm Recycling Trailer </p> <p><b>BEER LOVER'S DAY</b></p>	<p>8 NHHS FB at Wabauensee 7pm Trash Pickup </p> <p><b>STAR TREK DAY</b> <b>INTERNATIONAL LITERACY DAY</b></p>	<p>9 ACT Test NHHS VB at Lyndon 8:30am NHHS CC at Wamego 9am</p>
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<p>10 Hoops Academy</p> <p><b>Grandparents' Day</b></p>  <p><b>WORLD SUICIDE PREVENTION DAY</b></p>	<p>11 Sirens test</p> <p>PDC meeting 4pm NHHS FB JV a Wabauensee 6pm</p>  <p><b>9/11 PATRIOT DAY</b></p>	<p>12 NHHS Pictures NHHS VB vs Council Grove 5pm NLC FB at Chase County 6pm</p> <p><b>United Nations Day for South-South Cooperation</b></p>	<p>13 Smoked Meatloaf</p> <p><b>Coffee Club</b> 9:30-10:30am Crafters 1:30pm Miracle Cafe 4-H Meeting 6:45pm Hoops Academy FHL STUCO at ESU 9am BOE meeting 7pm</p>	<p>14 UMC Bible Study 3:30pm NLC Pictures all Grades NHHS/NLC CC at The Orchard 4pm NLC VB vs W Franklin 4:30pm</p>	<p>15 <b>City Bills Due!</b> </p> <p>NHHS FB at Council Grove 7pm Trash Pickup </p> <p><b>MIA Recognition Day</b> <b>DAY OF DEMOCRACY</b></p>	<p>16 <b>5% added to city bills</b> Lions Club Meal &amp; Raffle 5pm</p> <p>NHHS FB JV vs Council Grove 6pm</p> <p><b>Oktoberfest</b> <b>PRESERVATION OZONE LAYER</b> <b>EAT MAN DAY</b></p>
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<p>17 Hoops Academy</p> <p><b>Constitution and Citizenship Day</b></p>	<p>18 Sirens test</p> <p>NHHS FB JV vs Council Grove 6pm</p> <p><b>Lions 6:30pm</b></p> <p><b>EMMY® AWARD National Cheeseburger Day</b> <b>HIV/AIDS AND AGING</b></p>	<p>19 <b>Coffee Club</b> 9:30-10:30am NHHS VB at Osage City 5pm</p> <p><b>National Voter Registration Day</b> <b>TALK LIKE A PIRATE DAY</b></p>	<p>20 <b>BBQ Ribs</b> Womens Coffee Club 10am</p> <p><b>Shut off past due accounts</b> </p> <p>Hoops Academy FFA at Prairie View 10am Homecoming Parade 6:30pm</p> <p><b>PEPPERONI PIZZA DAY</b></p>	<p>21 <b>Harvesters</b> 10am Bible Study 3:30pm Recycling Trailer </p> <p>NHHS/NLC CC at Wabauensee 4pm NLC VB at Central Heights 4:30pm NLC FB at Lyndon 6:30pm</p> <p><b>International Day of Peace</b></p>	<p>22 <b>Info for Newsletter due 8am!</b> </p> <p>Trash Pickup </p> <p>ACT Registration due Homecoming Ceremony 6pm/Dance 9pm NHHS FB vs Jayhawk Linn 7pm</p> <p><b>WORLD RHINO DAY</b></p>	<p>23 NHHS CC at Rim Rock NHHS VB at Olpe 8:30am</p> <p><b>First Day of Autumn</b> <b>International Day of Sign Languages</b></p>
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<p>24 Finished Newsletter Due </p> <p>Hoops Academy</p> <p><b>GOLD STAR MOTHER'S DAY</b></p>	<p>25 Sirens test</p> <p><b>National One Hit Wonder Day</b> <b>National Daughter's Day</b></p> <p><b>NATIONAL COMIC BOOK DAY</b></p>	<p>26 NLC Sports Pictures NHHS VB vs Lyndon 5pm</p> <p><b>International Day for the Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons</b></p>	<p>27 <b>Coffee Club</b> 9:30-10:30am Crafters 1:30pm Miracle Cafe Hoops Academy FFA at Pleasanton 9am</p> <p><b>WORLD TOURISM DAY</b> <b>National Chocolate Milk Day</b></p>	<p>28 NHHS/NLC CC at Council Grove 4pm NLC VB vs Lyndon 4:30pm NLC FB at Chase County 6:30pm Bible Study 3:30pm</p> <p><b>DRINK BEER DAY</b> <b>WORLD MARITIME DAY</b> <b>WORLD RABIES DAY</b> <b>National Son's Day</b></p>	<p>29 NHHS FB at Olpe 7pm Trash Pickup </p> <p><b>NATIONAL COFFEE DAY</b> <b>WORLD HEART DAY</b></p>	<p>30 <b>International Translation Day</b> <b>INTERNATIONAL PODCAST DAY</b></p>
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Send information for Newsletter/Website/FaceBook to Linda Woods:

ggmawoods@gmail.com

or Reading City Hall at cityofreading.ks@gmail.com

 1st Quarter 22nd

 Full Moon 29th

 Last Qtr 6th

 New Moon 14th

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## City of Reading

The City of Reading Council met on Thursday, September 7, 2023 at 7pm. During the public hearings prior to the council meeting the plan to exceed the 2024 Revenue Neutral Rate and the 2024 City of Reading Budget were approved.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor, Malonne Davies. Members present were, Mary Ann Newton, Bill Paige, Heather Jones, Kevin Sorensen, and Marc Atchison. Also present were Treasurer Joyce Wilson, City Clerk Nancy Standiferd and Maintenance Manager Brian Knight. There were no guests present.

- August 3, 2023 meeting minutes were presented and approved.
- The Treasurer's Report was presented and approved.
- Mayor Davies discussed that the Employee Rules and Regulation Handbook is almost revised.
- It was discussed that the water tower project is still on going and should be completed soon.
- Some students from North Lyon County Jr. High will be doing some work for the City of Reading in order to gain Community Service hours.

Next council meeting will be Thursday, October 5th, 7pm at City Hall. Guests are always welcome!

The RV park is always open and ready to enjoy. Sites have water, electricity and sewer for \$15/day. Book your parties and reunions at the community building. Up to four hour rentals are \$50, over four is \$100. All require a \$50 possibly refundable deposit. Add big screen TV when renting, additional \$50 deposit. Building not available any weekend before an election or on New Year's Eve. No pets allowed.

### Reading City contacts:

Mayor, Malonne Davies (620)794-4324; City Hall (620)699-3870; City Clerk, Nancy Standiferd; Maintenance Manger, Brian Knight (620) 794-0556. Council members: Bill Paige (620)699-3370, Heather Jones (620)340-2442, Marc Atchison (620)340-3555, Mary Ann Newton (620)341-0235 and Kevin Sorensen (620)794-6799.

City clerk email address: [cityofreading.ks@gmail.com](mailto:cityofreading.ks@gmail.com)

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City Hall Hours: Mon, Tues, Thurs, & Fri  
8:30am-12:30pm; Wed. 8:30am-3:30pm.



**United Methodist Church**  
**Open Hearts • Open Minds • Open Doors**  
**Sunday Worship Service 11am**  
**Pastor Michael Turner**

"We hope you can join us for worship". Bible study group will meet on Thursday afternoon at 3:30pm. Our Blessing Box is available for help with food and other needs, perishable items are available at The Miracle Cafe. Donations are needed and always greatly appreciated.

## First Baptist Church

**Doors Open 9:30am**

**Doors Closed 10:30am**

**Rev. Lyle Williams**



Sunday, doors open 9:30am. Meet, greet, and song 9:30-9:40am. Prayer requests and prayer 9:40am. Bible study led by Pastor Lyle at 9:50am. Closing prayer around 10:20am. Snacks and coffee afterward.

## ECKAN and ECAT in Osage City

ECAT is the clothing and food pantry at 306 S. Martin. People from Reading who need food assistance can get food once a month, also have some nice clothing. You can arrange for someone to pickup food for you. Open Monday, Wednesday, and Friday 1-3:30pm, (785)528-8164.

ECKAN works with ECAT to send out information. Be sure to LIKE Osage ECKAN and ECAT FaceBook pages for posts.

ECKAN 528 Market also has food distribution days that they post on their FaceBook page. For other services residents of Osage County call (785)528-584; Lyon County call (620)642-4607.

Or visit website at: <http://www.eckan.org/>



## Harvesters

Harvesters food distribution at 10am on the 3rd Thursday of each month in Osage City. Stay in your car and line up at the football-track parking lot. You will need to open your doors or trunk.

## Food Pantries

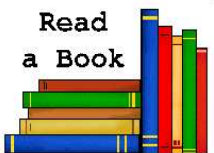
Americus pantry is located at the Americus United Methodist Church and open to anyone within the USD 251 school district.

Open to Reading, the Lebo pantry is located in the back of the Lebo Baptist Church. Open Monday 5-7pm, Thursday 9-11am, and 1st Saturday of each month 10am-noon. Questions, call 620-340-2355.

Hartford Community Food Pantry, 201 E. Park Ave. Clothing and some household goods are available. Open to residents of Reading. Check Shopper or internet for days and hours open each month.

## Reading Library

Come to the house at 17 Vine and see what we can find for you. Nothing like a good book and the kids back in school! Bette Eby



## L-CAT County Public Bus Service

**TO RIDE:** Call office to request a ride and the fares at least 24 hours in advance. Phone: 620-342-4207.

## Recycling

Trailer will be parked in front of the school on the first and third Thursdays each month. If the 1st is not on a Monday or Tuesday then trailer will be here the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the 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. Please drive by site to be sure trailer is there before loading up your recyclables.

**Trailer in Reading:**

October 5th & 19th; November 9th, 22nd, & 27th;  
December 7th & 21st.

**Drop-Off Recycling Options in Emporia**

Many items can be recycled at drop-off locations throughout town. Some of the more common items are listed below.

- Books to the Public Library
- Clothing, housewares, furniture, working electronics and small appliances to organizations such as The Salvation Army or Goodwill.
- Plastic sacks to Walmart or Dillon's
- Yard waste to the City landfill/Transfer station
- Hazardous waste to facility at 3000 W. South Avenue

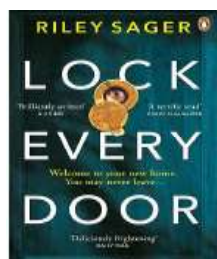
**Seniors**



Interested in receiving meals, please call the Friendship Center in Emporia (620) 340-8001. Schedule to dine in at the center, pick up a hot meal to take home, or a week's worth of frozen meals.

**Barbara's Book Club**

We will meet in Emporia at 11:30am for a book discussion at 1801 Bar & Grill. Next meeting will be on Friday, October 6th. We will be discussing "'Lock Every Door" by Riley Sager. New members are Welcome!!! Any questions, contact Malonne Davies at (620)794-4324.



No visitors. No nights spent away from the apartment. No disturbing the other residents, all of whom are rich or famous or both. These are the only rules for Jules Larsen's new job as an apartment sitter at the Bartholomew, one of Manhattan's most high-profile and mysterious buildings. Recently heartbroken and just plain broke, Jules is taken in by the splendor of her surroundings and accepts the terms, ready to leave her past life behind.

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**NHHS Honor Flight**

Once again, NHHS has an opportunity to participate in the Honor Flight program! We will be sending five student guardians and five local veterans to Washington, D.C., on April 21-22, 2024.

We will have veterans' applications posted on school social media, as well as available in person at the school and at various events. We would like to have all applications in by Halloween.

Our big fundraising event will be hosted by Harry & Lloyds in Americus on Veterans Day, Saturday, November 11th!

We are currently in the process of accepting items to be auctioned off, with 100% of the proceeds going to the Honor Flight expenses. This trip is at NO COST to veterans and their guardians. If you would like to donate

2. items or money, please contact Shawn Wilson at wilsons@usd251.org or Mrs. Shirley Vincent at shirleyvincent@yahoo.com

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**Wednesdays**

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Fall Track & Field Throws Academy is registering now, we have sessions for shot put, discus, and javelin for JH and HS athletes.

**Saturdays**

Nov. 4, 11, 18,  
Dec. 2, 9, 16  
Javelin HS 10:30-11:45am  
Javelin HS 11:45am-1pm

**Sundays**

Nov. 5, 12, 19,  
Dec. 3, 10, 17  
Shot Put HS 2-3:15pm  
Discus HS 3:15-4:30pm  
Discus HS 4:30-5:45pm  
Shot Put HS 5:45-7pm

**Wednesdays**

Nov. 8, 15, 22, Dec. 6, 13, 20  
Javelin JH/HS 6:15-7:30pm  
Shot Put JH 6:15-7:30pm  
Discus JH 7:30-8:45pm

Last spring we had 24 state track event qualifiers, 14 state medalist, 6 Top 3's, 1 State Runner-up, and 2 State Champions from our throws academy participants. Check out our website for more information. Lucas Boss

<https://www.performance-sports.net>



### Reading 4-H

The Reading 4-H Club met on September 13th at 6:45pm at The Miracle Cafe in Reading. We had an officers election. Congratulations to all the new officers. The 4-H Council will be held October 2nd at 7pm; record books due to our club leaders no later than September 29th. 4-H Sunday will be held at the Reading Methodist Church on October 8th at 11am. Highway clean up after church for "48 hours of 4-H". The Reading 4-H will also run kids games at the Trunk & Treat event here in Reading on Sunday, October 29th at 5:30pm. The Reading 4-H Club would like to thank our community and all the people who have helped make this a successful year of 4-H. October 1st begins a new year in 4-H. Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, October 11th, 6:45pm at The Miracle Cafe. Hunter Senft, Reporting



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### RCD

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### Reading Benefit Fire Department

Our volunteers will be making smores for Trunk & Treat at the Fire Department on Sunday, October 29th at 5:30pm. Join us for some great fun and a sweet treat!



### Crafters/Quilters



We will meet at The Miracle Cafe on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday at 1:30pm. We welcome new people anytime. Please contact Rosalie Voorhees with questions or more information at 402-270-5662.

### Reading Lions' Club

Thank you to everyone that participated in our fundraiser for Shannon Price. Benjamin Hanks won the bench from the raffle. We voted to fund the hot dog feed for the Trunk & Treat event on Sunday, October 29th. Hope to see you there! Last item on our agenda, we will be making a donation to the Bryer Scales fundraiser for medical bills. Next meeting Monday, October 16th at 6:30pm at The Miracle Cafe for a meal. Guests are always welcome, Rosalie Voorhees.



**Please have a safe and happy Halloween!**



## Sunday, October 29th

**Hot Dogs/S'mores 5:30pm**

**Kids games 5:30pm**

**Trunk & Treat 5:30-7pm**



## Trunk & Treat

At 5:30pm hot dog feed (hot dog, chips, bottled water) starts at The Miracle Cafe provided by The Reading Lions Club.

S'mores will be available at the Reading Fire Department also.

Reading 4H Club will be sponsoring kids games!

Trunk & Treat will be from 5:30-7pm on main street (First Street).



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1 Hoops Academy INTERNATIONAL COFFEE DAY WORLD VEGETARIAN DAY INTERNATIONAL DAY OF OLDER PERSONS	2 Sirens test Coffee Club 9:30-10:30am NHHS FB JV vs Olpe 5pm INTERNATIONAL DAY OF NON-VIOLENCE NAME YOUR CAR DAY WORLD HABITAT DAY	3	4 Smoked Meatloaf Womens Coffee Club 10am Hoops Academy HOSA at KSU ACT WorkKeys NHHS JR 8am Site Council NLC 6pm NATIONAL TACO DAY WALK TO SCHOOL DAY WORLD ANIMAL DAY	5 Bible Study 3:30pm City Council 7pm Recycling Trailer NHHS/NLC CC at Osage City 4pm/ NLC VB 4:30pm NLC FB at Mission Valley 6:30pm World Teacher's Day	6 Trash Pickup Barbara's Book Club 11:30am 1801 Bar & Grill Emporia NHHS FB at Central Heights 7pm GERMAN - AMERICAN DAY MEG DAY National Coaches Day WORLD SMILE DAY	7
8 4-H Sunday at RUMC 11am Highway Clean UP Hoops Academy	9 Sirens test Coffee Club 9:30-10:30am NHHS FB JV vs Central Heights 6pm Leif Erikson Day INDIGENOUS PEOPLE DAY World Post Day Columbus Day	10 NHHS VB vs Chase County Senior Recognition 5pm Ada Lovelace Day WORLD MENTAL HEALTH DAY	11 Ham Loaf Crafters 1:30pm Miracle Cafe 4-H 6:45pm Hoops Academy NHHS Sports Pictures BOE Meeting 7pm NHHS School Picture retakes COMING OUT DAY INTERNATIONAL DAY OF THE GIRL CHILD	12 Bible Study 3:30pm FHJL Vocal Music at Ottawa 3pm FHL/FHJL CC at Chippewa 4pm NLC VB at Council Grove 4:30pm NLC FB at Chase County 6:30pm WORLD SIGHT DAY Farmer's Day	13 Trash Pickup NHHS FB at NE Arma 7pm INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR DISASTER REDUCTION NO BRA DAY WORLD EGG DAY	14 FHJL VB at Mission Valley 9am FHL VB at Chase County 9am NATIONAL DESSERT DAY
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## City of Reading

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The meeting was called to order by Mayor, Malonne Davies. Members present were, Mary Ann Newton, Bill Paige, and Marc Atchison. Also present were Treasurer Joyce Wilson, City Clerk Nancy Standiferd and Maintenance Manager Brian Knight. There were no guests present.

- September 7th meeting minutes were presented and approved.
- The Treasurer's Report was presented and approved.
- The Council passed a motion that city bills must be **paid in full** or services will be turned off on the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month.
- Jr. High students from North Lyon County spent an afternoon of community service in the park. Trees were trimmed, benches cleaned and the gazebo was painted.

Next meeting Thursday, November 2nd, 7pm. Guests always welcome! The RV park is always open and ready to enjoy. Sites have water, electricity and sewer for \$15/day. Book your parties and reunions at the community building. Up to four hour rentals are \$50, over four is \$100. All require a \$50 possibly refundable deposit. Big screen TV when renting, additional \$50 deposit. Building not available weekend before an election or New Year's Eve. No pets allowed.

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8:30am-12:30pm; Wed. 8:30am-3:30pm.

**Trash Service Change for the City of Reading**

Friday, November 24th trash pick up has been changed to Monday, November 27th!

## General Election

Tuesday, November 7th; 7am to 7pm. Reading city residents polling place will be at the Reading Community Building. Election will be for USD N251 School Board and Reading City Council. Check your voter registration, get your sample ballot, or find polling place by visiting the City of Emporia Election Office at: <https://lyoncounty.org/index/government/elected-offices/elections/>



## United Methodist Church

Open Hearts • Open Minds • Open Doors  
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## First Baptist Church

Doors Open 9:30am  
Doors Closed 10:30am  
Rev. Lyle Williams



Sunday, doors open 9:30am. Meet, greet, and song 9:30-9:40am. Prayer requests and prayer 9:40am. Bible study led by Pastor Lyle at 9:50am. Closing prayer around 10:20am. Snacks and coffee afterward.

## ECKAN and ECAT in Osage City

ECAT is the clothing and food pantry at 306 S. Martin. People from Reading who need food assistance can get food once a month, also have some nice clothing. You can arrange for someone to pickup food for you. Open Monday, Wednesday, and Friday 1-3:30pm, (785)528-8164.

Be sure to LIKE ECKAN and ECAT FaceBook pages for posts.

ECKAN 528 Market also has food distribution days For other services residents of Osage County call (785)528-584; Lyon County call (620)642-4607. Or visit website at: <http://www.eckan.org/>

## Harvesters

Harvesters food distribution at 10am on the 3rd Thursday of each month in Osage City. Stay in your car and line up at the football-track parking lot. You will need to open your doors or trunk.

## Food Pantries

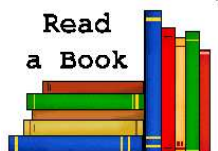
Americus pantry is located at the Americus United Methodist Church and open to anyone within the USD 251 school district.

Open to Reading, the Lebo pantry is located in the back of the Lebo Baptist Church. Open Monday 5-7pm, Thursday 9-11am, and 1st Saturday of each month 10am-noon. Questions, call 620-340-2355.

Hartford Community Food Pantry, 201 E. Park Ave. Clothing and some household goods are available. Open to residents of Reading. Check Shopper or internet for days and hours open each month.

## Reading Library

Come to the house at 17 Vine and see what we can find for you. Nothing like a good book and a warm fire! Bette Eby





## L-CAT County Public Bus Service

**TO RIDE:** Call office to request a ride and the fares at least 24 hours in advance. Phone: 620-342-4207.

## Recycling

Trailer will be parked in front of the school on the first and third Thursdays each month. If the 1st is not on a Monday or Tuesday then trailer will be here the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the 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. Please drive by site to be sure trailer is there before loading up your recyclables.

### Trailer in Reading:

November 9th, 22nd, & 27th; December 7th & 21st.

## Drop-Off Recycling Options in Emporia

Many items can be recycled at drop-off locations throughout town. Some of the more common items are listed below.

- Books to the Public Library
- Clothing, housewares, furniture, working electronics and small appliances to organizations such as The Salvation Army or Goodwill.
- Plastic sacks to Walmart or Dillon's
- Yard waste to the City landfill/Transfer station
- Hazardous waste to facility at 3000 W. South Avenue

## Seniors

Interested in receiving meals, please call the Friendship Center in Emporia (620) 340-8001. Schedule to dine in at the center, pick up a hot meal to take home, or a week's worth of frozen meals.



## Barbara's Book Club

We will meet in Emporia at 11:30am for a book discussion at Pizza Ranch.. Next meeting will be on Friday, November 3rd. We will be discussing ""The Lost Apothecary" by Sarah Penner. New members are Welcome!!! Any questions, contact Malonne Davies at (620)794-4324.

A female apothecary secretly dispenses poisons to liberate women from the men who have wronged them - setting three lives across centuries on a dangerous collision course.



Rule #1: The poison must never be used to harm another woman. Rule #2: The names of the murderer and her victim must be recorded in the apothecary's register.

## Citizens State Bank and Trust Co.



Our Lobby hours are:

9am-12pm & 1-3pm Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, & Friday

9am-12pm & 1-6pm Wednesday

Closed 12-1pm every day for lunch

**Customer Appreciation Week: December 11th-15th**

## USD 251

The North Lyon County Board of Education appointed several community members to serve on the USD 251 Strategic Planning Committee. The Strategic Planning Committee is focusing on Strategic Direction #4 by addressing potential solutions for school district facilities. Furthermore, this committee will also be engaging all district stakeholders in this process. This group is

2 a representative cross section of North Lyon County. The board and administration will be relying heavily on the combined expertise of this group as they engage the patrons of our school district in researching potential solutions for school district facilities.

There is still one open seat on the committee for a member from the Reading area. The board of education is still interested in appointing another member. If you are interested in serving, please feel free to contact me at 620-481-2085 or blairb@usd251.org. Superintendent, Robert Blair

## NLC PTO

Please become an active member of our PTO. The PTO is a group of parents that helps to provide special programs and events for your children, but it cannot function without the help of many parents. Please see the calendar or FaceBook page for meeting times and dates. We're counting on you!

Please like and join our FaceBook page for information on meetings, fundraisers, and volunteer opportunities.

<https://www.facebook.com/amicus.nlc/>

## NHHS Booster Club Notes

It's that time again everyone!!! Tickets are available to buy at Americus City Office, Kansas Land Bank in Americus, also Erin Way, Amy Floyd, and Kristy Noel Ciero all have tickets. Please contact one of us if you need some!! Also if you or someone you know would like to donate anything please let us know as well! Thanks for all your help!!!

**10th Annual NHHS Booster's Night Out**  
**Saturday, November 4th 6-10pm NLCYA gym**  
**Steak Dinner & Silent Auction**  
**\$30/ticket (must be 21 to enter)**

Keep up-to-date by joining Booster Club email list. Send email to [northernheightsboosterclub@gmail.com](mailto:northernheightsboosterclub@gmail.com).

Also, join our FaceBook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/137671147589399>

## Honor Flight

The NHHS Honor Flight fundraiser and auction is coming up! Join us at Harry and Lloyd's Americus on Veterans Day, Saturday, November 11 from 2-6 pm. We will have raffle drawings for gift cards as well as a live auction of items donated from Bass Pro Shop, Sutherland's, and others. This also includes a special item to be auctioned off donated by Summer 2023 Honor Flight Veteran participant David Young! All proceeds go directly to the NHHS Honor Flight this April 2024!

Honor Flight recognizes American veterans for your sacrifice and achievements by flying you to Washington, D.C. to see your memorial at no cost. Top priority is given to WWII and terminally ill veterans from all wars. Honor Flight could also include Korean and Vietnam veterans, depending on number of applications. Applications are available at The Miracle Cafe, or on Reading KS website home page at:

<https://www.readingsks.com/>

## Performance Sports

Fall Track & Field Throws Academy is registering now, sessions for shot put, discus, and javelin for JH and HS athletes.



**Saturdays**

**Nov. 4th, 11th, 18th,  
Dec. 2nd, 9th, 16th.**

Javelin HS 10:30-11:45am  
Javelin HS 11:45am-1pm

**Sundays**

**Nov. 5th, 12th, 19th,  
Dec. 3rd, 10th, 17th.**

Shot Put HS 2-3:15pm  
Discus HS 3:15-4:30pm  
Discus HS 4:30-5:45pm  
Shot Put HS 5:45-7pm

**Wednesdays**

**Nov. 8th, 15th, 29th; Dec. 6th, 13th, 20th**

Javelin JH/HS 6:15-7:30pm  
Shot Put JH 6:15-7:30pm  
Discus JH 7:30-8:45pm

Check out our website for more information. Lucas Boss  
<https://www.performance-sports.net>



**Reading 4-H**

The Reading 4-H kicked off 4-H Week with a display at the Miracle Cafe. Sunday, October 8th we all participated in church service at the Reading United Methodist Church and shared a meal after church. We cleaned along the sides of highway 170 from county line road to Miller road. We had our monthly meeting on October 11th at 6:45pm. Program books were given out to each family. Talon Price led us in the "ABC" song. Program talks were given by Caden Jackson on catching bugs for entomology and Hunter Senft on planting bulb flowers in the fall for spring blooms. Cora Jones led us in recreation. We will end the month with running the games for the Trunk and Treat here in Reading on Sunday, October 29th at 5:30 to 7pm. We will also be hosting the Celebration of the Heart event, will be working out the dates at our next meeting. Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, November 8th, 6:45pm at The Miracle Cafe. Hunter Senft, Reporting



**The Miracle Cafe**

**Hours for November are:**

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday 9am-3pm; Wednesday 9am-9pm;  
Closed Saturday and Sunday.



**Daily Specials:** Mon., Roast Beef; Tues., Fried Chicken; Wed., Cook's Choice; Thurs., Ham; Fri., Mexican.

**Wednesday Night Specials for November**  
**1st-Spagetti, 8th-closing at 3pm,**  
**15th-Smoked Meatloaf, 22nd-closing at 3pm,**

**and 29th-Pulled Pork.**

**Closed Thursday, November 23rd and Friday, November 24th for Thanksgiving.**

**Orders for Thanksgiving must be turned in and paid for by Wednesday, November 8th at 3pm. Pick up at The Miracle Cafe anytime before Wednesday, November 22nd by 3pm.**

Single	Two	Crumble
<b>Fruit Pies \$20</b>	<b>Fruit Pies \$25</b>	<b>Top Pies \$20</b>
Apple 	Blue Goose 	Apple Pecan
Cherry 	Strawberry Rhubarb	Cherry
Blueberry	Apple Cranberry	Peach
Gooseberry	<b>Meringue</b>	Blackberry
Peach 	<b>Pies \$25</b>	
Strawberry 	Lemon	
Rhubarb	Chocolate Peanut Butter	
<b>Whipped Topping Pies \$20</b>	<b>Brownies \$24/Dozen</b>	
Chocolate 	with Chocolate Chips	
Coconut	with Peanut Butter Chips	
Butterscotch	<b>Cinnamon Swirl Bread</b>	
Cherry Whip	<b>\$10/Loaf</b>	
<b>Cinnamon Rolls \$30/Dozen</b>		<b>Dinner Rolls \$10/Dozen</b>
with Cream Cheese Frosting		
with Caramel Frosting		

**Thank you for your support!**

**Coffee Club Happy Hour!** Monday through Friday 9:30-10:30am. Join us during Happy Hour and enjoy a hot cup of coffee and fellowship for a free will donation. All proceeds go to the RCD!

**Women's Coffee Club** meets at 10am on the first and third Wednesday of each month. Join us, visit, make new friends, enjoy the fellowship. Thanks for your continued patronage. Reta & Gene Jackson.

**RCD**  
Reading mugs and cookbooks are available at The Miracle Cafe. Watch FaceBook for next meeting. Reta Jackson

**Crafters/Quilters**  
We will meet at The Miracle Cafe on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday at 1:30pm. We welcome new people anytime. Please contact Rosalie Voorhees with questions or more information at 402-270-5662.

**Reading Lions' Club**  
The club worked out all the details for our participation in the Trunk & Treat event on Sunday, October 29th from 5:30 to 7pm on First Street. We also voted to donate to the upcoming 4-H "Celebration of the Heart event". Next meeting Monday, November 20th at 6:30pm at The Miracle Cafe for a meal. Guests are always welcome, Rosalie Voorhees.





Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Send information for Newsletter/Website/FaceBook to Linda Woods: ggmawoods@gmail.com</p> <p>or Reading City Hall at cityofreading.ks@gmail.com</p> 			<p>Spaghetti 1</p> <p>Coffee Club 9:30-10:30am</p> <p>Womens Coffee Club 10am</p> <p>FFA in Indianapolis, IN Site Council at NLC 6pm</p> <p>WORLD VEGAN DAY</p> <p>Author's Day</p>	<p>Bible Study 3:30pm 2</p> <p>City Council 7pm</p> <p>National FFA in Indianapolis, IN</p> <p>Pre-ACT Freshmen BB-NLC at Central Heights 4:30pm</p> <p>INTERNATIONAL DAY TO END IMPUNITY</p> <p>CRIME AGAINST JOURNALISTS</p>	<p>Trash Pickup 3</p> <p>Barbara's Book Club 11:30am</p> <p>Pizza Ranch in Emporia</p> <p>National FFA in Indianapolis, IN</p> <p>ACT Registration due</p> <p>FB-Regionals</p> <p>NATIONAL SANDWICH DAY</p> <p>Love Your Lawyer Day</p>	<p>Community Building not available for rental</p> <p>NHHS Booster's Night Out 6-10pm</p> <p>NLCYA gym</p> <p>National FFA in Indianapolis, IN</p> <p>Throws Academy</p>
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<p>Finished Newsletter Due</p> <p>National Cake Day</p>	<p>Sirens test 27</p> <p>Coffee Club 9:30-10:30am</p> <p>Scholars Bowl at Lyndon 4pm</p> <p>Trash Pickup</p> <p>Recycling Trailer</p> <p>CYBER MONDAY</p>		<p>Pulled Pork 29</p> <p>Throws Academy</p> <p>FFA at Paola 9am</p>		<p>Bible Study 3:30pm</p> <p>NHHS Wrestling at El Dorado 6pm</p> <p>BB-NLC at Central Heights 4:30pm</p> <p>DAY OF REMEMBRANCE FOR ALL VICTIMS OF CHEMICAL WARFARE</p>	<p>City of Reading Website</p>  <p>www.readingks.com</p>

Fruit & Veggies for the month: Apples, Cranberry, Plantains, Collard Greens, Mustard Greens, Kale, Swiss Chard & Broccoli Rabe.

Flower(s): Chrysanthemum



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- The Treasurer's Report was presented and approved.
- Misc. street maintenance was discussed.
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### Reading Newsletter

While we know that the newsletter is an important part of communication for the residents of Reading, the cost to the city to print the newsletter each month is getting a little costly and time

consuming. In addition, since the newsletter is included in the same envelope with the city utility billing, sometimes we (the city) are not able to include additional documents and have to do a separate mailing. Beginning January 2024 the City of Reading will no longer include printed copies of newsletter in with the city utility bills.

### Going forward options available to access/receive newsletter will be:

- View it on the Reading website or FaceBook page; addresses listed in the City of Reading article and on the calendar.
- Receive copy via email; send your name and email address to [ggmawoods@gmail.com](mailto:ggmawoods@gmail.com). Make sure email is acknowledged.
- Request printed and mailed copy; written request must be included with December city utility bill payments.

Thank you for understanding the need to trim our city's budget; and we apologize for any inconvenience. Linda Woods



## First Baptist Church

Doors Open 9:30am

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Rev. Lyle Williams

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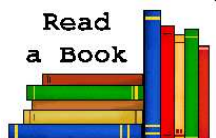
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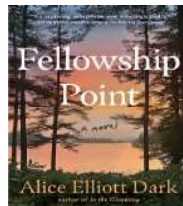
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December 11th-15th

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Superintendent, Robert Blair

## NLC PTO

Please become an active member of our PTO. The PTO is a group of parents that helps to provide special programs and events for your children, but it cannot function without the help of many parents. Please see the calendar or FaceBook page for meeting times and dates. We're counting on you!

Please like and join our FaceBook page for information on meetings, fundraisers, and volunteer opportunities.

<https://www.facebook.com/amicus.nlc/>

## NHHS Booster Club Notes

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## Honor Flight

Honor Flight recognizes American veterans for your sacrifice and achievements by flying you to Washington, D.C. to see your memorial at no cost. Top priority is given to WWII and terminally ill veterans from all wars. Honor Flight could also include Korean and Vietnam veterans, depending on number of applications. Applications are available at The Miracle Cafe, or on Reading KS website home page at:

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## Saturdays

Dec. 2nd, 9th, 16th.

Javelin HS 10:30-11:45am

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## Performance Sports

Fall Track & Field Throws Academy remaining sessions for shot put, discus, and javelin for JH and HS athletes.

## Sundays

Dec. 3rd, 10th, 17th.

Shot Put HS 2-3:15pm

Discus HS 3:15-4:30pm

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## Wednesdays Dec. 6th, 13th, 20th

Javelin JH/HS 6:15-7:30pm

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Discus JH 7:30-8:45pm

Check out our website for more information. Lucas Boss  
<https://www.performance-sports.net>

## Reading 4-H



The Reading 4-H Club met at The Miracle Cafe on November 8th at 6:45pm. There were twelve members, one leader, and five guests present.

Talon Price lead us in a song of "The Wheels On The Bus". Cora Jones had us play a basketball relay race; it was fun. Kyson Jones gave a project talk on pickles; we were able to eat them and that was awesome!!

We worked out the details on Celebration of the Heart event. All monetary donations are due by Tuesday, December 12th and we will deliver after our meeting on Wednesday, December 13th. Any food donations will be placed in the Blessing Box. Donations will be accepted at The Miracle Cafe and Citizen's State Bank.

Pictured are the Reading 4-H Club at the Achievement Celebration on November 5th. Spencer Jenkins-Fox and Mckinley Senft received key awards. Kyrsten Fox won best book for photography, Caden Jackson won best woodworking book, and Mckinley won best club secretary office book. Great job Reading 4-H Club for earning a Purple Seal.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, December 13th, 6:45pm at The Miracle Cafe. Hunter Senft, Reporting

## Celebration of the Heart



### Reading 4-H Project

Last day to donate Tuesday, December 12th!

Please bring your cash donations for gift cards to The Miracle Cafe or Citizens State Bank. Any food donations will be placed in the Blessing Box. Your donations are greatly appreciated!

**DONATION**

Let's all work together to help provide Christmas Dinner for locally needy families. Your Local Reading 4-H Club thanks you for your participation!

**WISHING ALL A MERRY CHRISTMAS  
AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR!**



## The Miracle Cafe

**Hours for December are:**  
Monday through Friday **9am-3pm**  
Closed Saturday and Sunday.

**Daily Specials:** Mon., Roast Beef; Tues., Fried Chicken; Wed., Cook's Choice; Thurs., Ham; Fri., Mexican.

Thank you for your continued support and we wish you all a Very Merry Christmas. Gene and Reta Jackson

## NO Wednesday Night Specials for December

**The Miracle Cafe will be closed starting Wednesday, December 20th though Tuesday, December 26th.**



**Coffee Club Happy Hour!** Monday through Friday 9:30-10:30am. Join us during Happy Hour and enjoy a hot cup of coffee and fellowship for a free will donation. All proceeds go to the RCD!



## Women's Coffee Club

The Women's Coffee Club meets at 10am on the first and third Wednesday of each month. Join us, visit, make new friends, and enjoy the fellowship.

## RCD

Reading mugs and cookbooks are available at The Miracle Cafe. Watch FaceBook for next meeting. Reta Jackson



## Crafters/Quilters



We will meet at The Miracle Cafe on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday at 1:30pm. We welcome new people anytime. Please contact Rosalie Voorhees with questions or more information at 402-270-5662.

## Reading Lions' Club

We discussed the Christmas lighting contest, use to be on the city website. Lions Club would like see it activated again this year and will donate a small prize to the winner. The winner would be whoever got the most votes on the website. One vote per email address, others will be deleted.



Lions Club is not meeting in December as everyone is busy with Christmas activities. Next meeting Monday, January 15th at 6:30pm at The Miracle Cafe for a meal. Guests are always welcome, Rosalie Voorhees.

**Wishing you  
a safe and  
happy  
Holiday Season**



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
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<p>24</p> <p>Finished Newsletter Due</p> <p>Non-Practice Date</p> <p><b>WINTER BREAK</b></p>	<p>25</p> <p>Cafe Closed</p> <p>Sirens test</p> <p>Non-Practice Date</p> <p><b>Merry Christmas</b></p>	<p>26</p> <p>Cafe Closed</p> <p>Non-Practice Date</p> <p><b>KWANZAA</b> Starts</p> <p><b>BOXING DAY</b></p>	<p>27</p> <p>Coffee Club 9:30-10:30am</p> <p>Cafe Closes 3pm</p> <p>Crafters 1:30pm</p> <p>Miracle Cafe</p> <p>Non-Practice Date</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Bible Study 3:30pm</p> <p>Non-Practice Date</p>	<p>29</p> <p>Trash Pickup</p>	<p>30</p> <p><b>WINTER BREAK</b></p>	
<p>31</p> <p><b>WINTER BREAK</b></p> <p><b>NEW YEAR'S EVE</b></p>	<p>Fruit &amp; Veggies for the month: Comice Pears, Kumquats, Sapote, Pepino melon, Cherimoya, Ugli fruits, Parsnip, Beets, Turnips, Rutabaga, Celery Root / Celeriac &amp; Horseradish</p> <p>Flower(s): Narcissus &amp; Holly</p> 			<p>1st Quarter 19th</p> <p>Full Moon 26th</p> <p>Last Qtr 4th</p> <p>New Moon 12th</p>	<p>Reading KS FB Page</p>  <p><a href="https://www.facebook.com/ReadingKS/">https://www.facebook.com/ReadingKS/</a></p>		

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## The City of Reading Council met on Thursday, December 7, 2023 at 7:00pm.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor, Malonne Davies. Members present were, Mary Ann Newton, Bill Paige, Kevin Sorensen, Heather Jones, and Marc Atchison. Also, present were Treasurer Joyce Wilson, City Clerk Nancy Standiferd and Maintenance Manager, Brian Knight. The guests present were, Russ Cobb, Kris Kline, Matney Goff, and Nancy Jones.

- The November 2, 2023 minutes were presented and approved.
- The Treasurer's report was presented and approved.
- Matney Goff asked the council if they would grant him a month to month stay in the RV park. The council approved the month to month stay with conditions of, a payment plan, no complaints and the area was kept clean.
- Russ Cobb with Evergy presented an updated franchise fee ordinance which was approved.
- Kris Kline with Kansas Rural Water Association assisted the city with reviewing the current water rates for the city and future water requirements and repairs. Three different options were presented. The council will discuss this further at the January meeting.
- The Miracle Café, Reta Jackson, submitted a renewal for a Cereal Malt Beverage License. A renewal of the Miracle Café's Cereal Malt Beverage license was approved.
- The newsletter mailed out by the city was discussed. There was discussion about what information is needed in the newsletter, what residents would like to see in the newsletter and the size of the document. It was decided that the newsletter mailed out by the city office would be printed in black and white, reduced to one page, front and back. The information in the letter would pertain to city business.

- November voting results from the Lyon County Clerk's office for the three city council positions up for vote was received. Marc Atchison, Bill Paige and Kevin Sorensen will continue to serve on the council in a four-year term position.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call or stop by the city office, 620-699-3870.

The next city council meeting will be on  
Thursday, January 4, 2024 at 7:00pm  
in the Community Building.

## Special Mailing Information for City of Reading Residents!

➤ A letter was mailed to residents on December 1, 2023, regarding Natural Gas safety. A return acknowledgment was requested. The city is required to send this notification out to all residents twice a year.

➤ A letter regarding a new regulation from KDHE regarding lead and copper pipe will be mailed to residents in January 2024. There will be a request to each resident to complete the form provided and return to the city office as soon as possible. The city is required to compile this information and return the information to KDHE.

## Reading City contacts:

- Mayor, Malonne Davies (620)794-4324
- Council members:
  - Bill Paige (620)699-3370,
  - Heather Jones (620)340-2442
  - Kevin Sorensen (620)794-6799
  - Marc Atchison (620)340-3555
  - Mary Ann Newton (620)341-0235
- City Hall (620)699-3870
- City Clerk, Nancy Standiferd
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## Action Reminders!

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Monday, January 1, 2024

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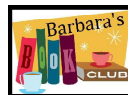


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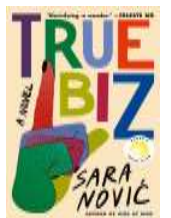
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school open and her marriage intact, but might not be able to do both. As a series of crises both personal and political threaten to unravel each of them, Charlie, Austin, and February find their lives inextricable from one another—and changed forever.

This is a story of sign language and lip-reading, disability and civil rights, isolation and injustice, first love and loss, and, above all, great persistence, daring, and joy. Absorbing and assured, idiosyncratic and relatable, this is an unforgettable journey into the Deaf community and a universal celebration of human connection.

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9am-12pm & 1-6pm Wednesday

Closed 12-1pm every day for lunch



### **USD 251**



I would like to wish everyone in North Lyon County a Merry Christmas! During this time of year, I'm reminded that Christmas is much more than gifts and decorations. It is also a time to be thankful for our communities' that support our students who continually striving for excellence, and our talented teachers and staff who give their best each and every day. These are blessings we all share in our great North Lyon County communities. Respectfully, Robert Blair, Superintendent

### **NLC PTO**

Please become an active member of our PTO. The PTO is a group of parents that helps to provide special programs and events for your children, but it cannot function without the help of many parents. Please see the calendar or FaceBook page for meeting times and dates. We're counting on you! Please like and join our FaceBook page for information on meetings, fundraisers, and volunteer opportunities.

<https://www.facebook.com/amicus.nlc/>

### **NHHS Booster Club Notes**

Keep up-to-date by joining Booster Club email list.

Send email to:

[northernheightsboosterclub@gmail.com](mailto:northernheightsboosterclub@gmail.com).

Also, join our FaceBook page:

[https://www.facebook.com/groups/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/137671147589399)

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### **Honor Flight**

Honor Flight recognizes American veterans for your sacrifice and achievements by flying you to Washington, D.C. to see your memorial at no cost. Top priority is given to WWII and terminally ill veterans from all wars. Honor Flight could also include Korean and Vietnam veterans, depending on number of applications. Applications are available at The Miracle Cafe, or on Reading KS website home page at: <https://www.readingsks.com/>



### **Reading 4-H**

Reading 4-H Club met on December 13th at The Miracle Cafe at 6:45pm. Roll call was answered with singing "What's your favorite Christmas song". We had 10 members and 2 leaders in attendance.

Crue Jackson and Rhylee Venters give us a demonstration on how to make puppy chow that was enjoyed by the club; it was so good. Layten Fox led us in recreation on the funniest game of Jingle Cups. We were divided into two teams and we had cups tied around our waists with a jingle bell tied to a string on the bottom of the cup. We then had to get our jingle bell in the cup without using our hands. The first team to get all their bells into the cups wins! It was really hard to do and very funny to watch.

We finished up the Celebration of the Heart project and delivered our packages around town. Thank you to everyone that donated to this project. It would not have been possible without your support!

We will be having our Christmas party, skating on Saturday, December 30th from 1-3pm.

Next meeting will be our Exchange Meeting with Rinker 4-H Club; Wednesday, January 10th 6:45pm at The Miracle Cafe. Hunter Senft, Reporting

### **Happy Holidays from the Reading 4-H Club!**







### Crafters/Quilters

We will meet at The Miracle Cafe on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month at 1:30pm. We welcome new people anytime. Please contact Rosalie Voorhees with questions or more information.

### Reading Lions' Club

Reading Lions' Club is a service organization that is very active in our community. Where there is need, there is a Lion! We serve!



Becoming a Lions Club member gives you the opportunity to volunteer. Make new friends and connections. Participate in projects that make our community a better place to live. And have fun doing!

When our Lions Club gets together, problems get smaller. We help where help is needed-making our community better. All funds raised are used for charitable purposes.

Voting ends for your Favorite Reading Christmas Display on Sunday, December 31st. This is an event sponsored by the Lions' Club. To vote please go to: <https://www.readings.com/light-up-the-town>.

Next Lions' Club meeting will be on Monday, January 15th at 6:30pm at The Miracle Cafe for a meal. Cost of meal for members is \$8.00; regular meeting starts at 7pm. Join us at a meeting and see if Lions' Club is for you too! Guests are always welcome, Rosalie Voorhees.



### Performance Sports

We just finished up our Winter Throws Academy. Watch for our Spring Academies coming soon! Check our website for more information. Lucas Boss

<https://www.performance-sports.net>



### Happy Hour Coffee Club!

Monday through Friday 9:30-10:30am. Join us during Happy Hour and enjoy a hot cup of coffee and fellowship for a free will donation. All proceeds go directly to the RCD!

### Women's Coffee Club

The Women's Coffee Club meets at 10am on the first and third Wednesday of each month. Join us, visit, make new friends, and enjoy the fellowship.



## The Miracle Cafe



### Hours for January are:

Monday through Thursday 9am-3pm  
Friday 9am-9pm  
Closed Saturday and Sunday

### Daily Specials

Monday - Roast Beef; Tuesday - Fried Chicken; Wednesday - Cook's Choice; Thursday - Ham; Friday - Mexican.

### Friday Night Specials for January

5th - Smoked Meatloaf  
12th - BBQ Ribs  
19th - Spaghetti  
26th - Chicken Fried Steak

The Miracle Cafe will be closed on New Year's Day Monday, January 1st. Thank you for your continued support and we wish you all a very Happy New Year! Gene and Reta Jackson



### RCD

The Reading Community Development is a non-profit organization devoted to the continued improvement of our small part of the world. Community folks gathering information and talents to enrich our whole community.

We need public support and input to identify, connect, and develop into a thriving community which nourish youth, engage citizens, and foster partnerships.

Business, Education, Government, and Human Services are all facets of the area we work with to formulate solutions. It has fostered numerous action teams that have continued to move the community forward. We will continue toward our future utilizing the existing organizations established in our area.

We are always looking for input from all corners of the community. Join us at our next meeting is see if this is something you would like to do too!

Our only business this month was a donation to the 4-H Club's Celebration of the Heart project. Reading mugs and Reading cookbooks are available for purchase at The Miracle Cafe. Reta Jackson





Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 	 Sirens test 1 City Hall Closed Cafe Closed  	Coffee Club 2 9:30-10:30am	_____ 3 Womens Coffee Club 10am  Teacher Inservice Site Council at NLC 6pm 	School Resumes 4 Bible Study 3:30pm  City Council 7pm Recycling Trailer BB NLC vs Mission Vly 4:30pm Wrestling NHHS B/G Council Grove 5pm 8th Grd Recognition NATIONAL TRIVIA DAY Nat'l Spaghetti Day	Smoked Meatloaf 5  Trash Pickup Barbara's Book Club 11:30am at Chi Em Eats in Emporia BB NHHS vs Central Heights 4:30pm ACT Registration Due NATIONAL BIRD DAY Screenwriters Day	_____ 6 Wrestling NHHS Girls at Herrington 9am
_____ 7 NATIONAL BOBBLEHEAD DAY GOLDEN GLOBE AWARDS	Coffee Club 8 9:30-10:30am  Sirens test  FHJL BB tournament at Council Grove PDC meeting 4pm	_____ 9 NHHS Scholars Bowl at Paola 4pm BB NHHS at Mission Vly 4:30pm NATIONAL LAW ENFORCEMENT APPRECIATION DAY	_____ 10 Crafters 1:30pm Miracle Cafe  4-H 6:45pm  BOE meeting 6pm	_____ 11 Bible Study 3:30pm  Wrestling NHHS B/G at council Grove 6pm FHJL Varsity BB Tournament at Council Grove National Milk Day HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS	BBQ Ribs 12  Trash Pickup BB NHHS at Lyndon 4:30pm KISS A GINGER Day	_____ 13 Wrestling NHHS B/G at Topeka High 9am FHJL Varsity BB Tournament at Council Grove
_____ 14 Flint Hills Shoot Out CRITICS CHOICE AWARDS	Coffee Club 15 9:30-10:30am  Sirens test City Bills Due! City Hall Closed  Lions 6:30pm No School NATIONAL HAT DAY EMMY AWARDS MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY	_____ 16 5% late fees added to city bills  Appreciate a Dragon Day NATIONAL RELIGIOUS FREEDOM DAY	_____ 17 Womens Coffee Club 10am  MUSEUM SELFIE DAY	_____ 18 Harvesters 10am Osage City Bible Study 3:30pm  Recycling Trailer  Winnie the Pooh Day	_____ 19 Spaghetti   Trash Pickup Wrestling NHHS Varsity Boys 2pm Nat'l POPCORN Day	_____ 20  Flint Hills Shoot Out   Shut off past due accounts  Wrestling NHHS Varsity Girls 9am
_____ 21 National Hug Day	Coffee Club 22 9:30-10:30am  Sirens test	_____ 23 BB NHHS vs Rural Vista 4:30pm NATIONAL PIE DAY	_____ 24  Crafters 1:30pm Miracle Cafe  FFA at Paola 9am National Peanut Butter Day NATIONAL COMPLIMENTS DAY INTERNATIONAL DAY OF EDUCATION	_____ 25 Bible Study 3:30pm  Wrestling NHHS B/G at Hillsboro 7pm FHL Scholars Bowl at Central Heights 4pm ROBERT BURNS NIGHT	_____ 26 Chicken Fried Steak  Trash Pickup Info for Newsletter due 8am!  Don't FORGET! BB NHHS at Herrington 4:30pm NATIONAL SPOUSES DAY	_____ 27 Wrestling NHHS B/G JV at Fredonia 9am Commemoration in memory of the victims of the Holocaust
_____ 28 Finished Newsletter Due  Don't FORGET!  DATA PRIVACY DAY	Coffee Club 29 9:30-10:30am  Sirens test  NLC Quiz Bowl at Chase County 4:30pm  Kansas Day	_____ 30 BB NHHS vs Burlingame 4:30pm Queen of Courts Nat'l Croissant Day	_____ 31 FBLA at Washburn National Hot Chocolate Day	City of Reading Website  <a href="http://www.readingsks.com">www.readingsks.com</a>		

Send information for Newsletter/Website/FaceBook to Linda Woods:  
 ggmawoods@gmail.com  
 or Reading City Hall at  
 cityofreading.ks@gmail.com

Fruit & Veggies for the month: tangerines, Dried Cranberries, Sun Dried Tomatoes, Raisins, Yucca Root, Quinoa, Jicama, Suncoke, Taro Root, and Water Chestnut.

Flower(s): Carnation



-  1st Quarter 17th
-  Full Moon 25th
-  Last Qtr 3rd
-  New Moon 11th

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