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City of Reading, Kansas Newsletter

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- The December 7, 2023 minutes were presented and approved.
- The Treasurer's report was presented and approved.
- The payment of bills was presented and approved.
- Options for a change in water income and expense that was presented at the December meeting by Kris Kline of KRWA were reviewed.
- The cost of natural gas was reviewed.
- The following ordinances will be reviewed during 2024, Public and Private Sewers and Drains, Trash, Water, Wastewater Collection and Treatment, and the Utility Deposit for Water and Gas.
- Bids to refurbish the floor in the Community Building were present. It was approved to have Hirt Carpet Cleaning refurbish the floor.
- Bids to paint the interior of the Community Building were presented. It was approved to have Angel Hands; LLC paint the interior of the building.

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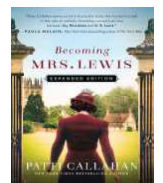
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When poet and writer Joy Davidman began writing letters to C. S. Lewis--known as Jack--she was looking for spiritual answers, not love. Love, after all, wasn't holding together her crumbling marriage. Everything about New Yorker



Joy seemed ill-matched for an Oxford professor and the beloved writer of The Chronicles of Narnia, yet their minds bonded over their letters.

Embarking on the adventure of her life, Joy traveled from America to England and back again, facing heartbreak and poverty, discovering friendship and faith, and against all odds, found a love that even the threat of death couldn't destroy.

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USD 251

At the December 13th Board of Education Meeting, Kiley DeDonder, chair of the Strategic Planning Committee, provided the board with an update on the work of the committee for the past 7 months. She shared that the committee voted unanimously to recommend a detailed facility study for USD 251. The most recent facility study was conducted by the P1 Group during the 2017-2018 school year. Kiley shared that the committee's thought that it's important to have the most up to date information on all school facilities for the committee to be thorough in their work. The board voted to enter into an agreement with DCS Services to conduct the study. The district is anticipating that the study will occur in the first six months of 2024. 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 our children, but it cannot function without the help of many parents. Please see the 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:
northernheightsboosterclub@gmail.com.

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.readings.com/>.

Reading 4-H

The Reading 4-H Club had their January meeting on January 17th, a week later due to inclement weather. We had an exchange meeting with Rinker 4-H Club at the Miracle Cafe at 6:45pm.

We voted to do a Club Skit for 4-H Club Days on March 2nd. Cora Jones lead us in a song of "Home on the Range" in honor of Kansas Day coming up.

Rinker lead the recreation. They split us into two teams and we had a snowball fight using crumpled up paper. After a minute, whoever had the least amount of paper on their side won. We then each grabbed a piece of paper and read a question. We went around the room and answered the question.

Project talks were given by Lincoln Senft and the topic was how much sugar. Morgan McCoy gave a project talk on shooting sports, shooting shotguns.

Next meeting will be Wednesday, February 14th 6:45pm at The Miracle Cafe. Hunter Senft, Reporting



Rinker and Reading 4-H Clubs having a snowball fight.

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 for more information.

Reading Lions' Club

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! All funds raised are used for charitable purposes. Unfortunately our January meeting was cancelled due to weather. Next Lions' Club meeting will be on Monday, February 19th 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 7pm at a meeting and see if Lions' Club is for you too! Guests are always welcome, Rosalie Voorhees.

Performance Sports



Winter (February) Throws Academy enrolling now! Sessions for advanced, intermediate and beginner throwers! The academy will give the athletes a jumpstart on the track season which is fast approaching! Check our website for more information. Lucas Boss

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

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

1/31, 2/7, 2/14, & 2/21

Saturdays HS 10:30-11:45am

2/3, 2/10, 2/17, & 2/24

Shot Put: Wednesday JH 6:15-7:30pm

1/31, 2/7, 2/14, & 2/21

Sundays HS 2:00-3:15pm

Sundays HS 5:45-7:00pm

2/4, 2/11, 2/18, & 2/25

Discus: Wednesday JH 7:30-8:45pm

1/31, 2/7, 2/14, & 2/21

Sundays HS 3:15-4:30pm

Sundays HS 4:30-5:45pm

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Happy Hour Coffee Club!

Monday through Friday 9:30-10:30am. Join us 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



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 February

2nd-Smoked Meatloaf

9th-Bierocks

16th- Chicken and Noodles

23rd-Mexican

Thank you for your continued support!
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 are always looking for input from all corners of the community. The RCD meets only when a meeting is necessary. Join us at our next meeting which will be posted on the Reading KS FaceBook page and see if this is something you would like to do too! Reta Jackson

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City Hall Closed

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Thank you Brian Knight for all your hard work clearing our roads and during our recent water main break. Also Mayor Davies and our City Council members for keeping us informed!





American Heart Month February 2024 Black History Month

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday		
	City of Reading Website  www.readingks.com			Coffee Club 1 9:30-10:30am  City Council 7pm Bible Study 3:30pm FCCLA at Emporia NHHS Scholars Bowl FHJL Band at ESU 3/7pm	Smoked Meatloaf 2  Trash Pickup Wrestling NHHS at Circle 1pm BB NHHS at Madison 5pm WETLANDS DAY WEAR RED DAY GROUNDHOG DAY	Regional Piano Wrestling NHHS at Circle 9am JVBB-NHHS at Lyndon 9am Winter Ball 8pm NATIONAL WOMEN PHYSICIANS DAY		
National FBLA Week → WORLD CANCER DAY GRAMMY AWARDS	Coffee Club 5 9:30-10:30am  Sirens test NLC Quiz Bowl at Osage 4:30pm Weatherperson Day	_____ 6 BB-NHHS vs Central Heights 4:30pm Safer Internet Day	Womens Coffee Club 7 10am FFA at Paola 9am Site Council NLC 6pm National Girls and Women in Sports Day Nat'l Signing Day WORLD READ ALOUD DAY	_____ 8 Recycling Trailer  Bible Study 3:30pm FHL Wrestling NHHS at Chase County 4pm	Bierocks 9 Barbara's Book Club 11:30am at Chi Em Eats in Emporia  Trash Pickup Wrestling NHHS Girls Regionals BB NHHS at Lyndon 4:30pm National Pizza Day	Wrestling NHHS Girls Regionals State Scholars Bowl ACT Test World Pulses Day 		
National FCCLA Week → Women & Girls in Science SUPER BOWL	Coffee Club 12 9:30-10:30am  Sirens test NLC Quiz Bowl at NLC 4:30pm Darwin Day LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY	_____ 13 BB NHHS at Olpe 4:30pm National Cheddar Day Condom Day Internet Friends Day Galentine's Day Shrove Tuesday WORLD RADIO DAY	Crafters 1:30pm Miracle Cafe _____ 14 4-H 6:45pm BOE meeting 7pm Valentine's Day	Harvesters 10am Osage City City Bills Due!  Trash Pickup  5% late fees added to unpaid city bills Bible Study 3:30pm BB NHHS at Mission Valley 4:30pm DICE Awards	Chicken & Noodles 16  Trash Pickup Wrestling NHHS Boys Regionals 4pm BB NHHS at Hartford 4:30pm	State Piano Wrestling NHHS Boys Regionals RANDOM ACTS of KINDNESS		
National FFA Week → National Drink Wine Day	Coffee Club 19 9:30-10:30am  Sirens test  Lions 6:30pm No School Washington's Birthday Presidents Day	 Shut off past due accounts BB NHHS vs W Franklin 4:30pm Senior Recognition WORLD DAY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE NATIONAL LOVE YOUR PET DAY	Womens Coffee Club 21 10am NHHS State Girls Wrestling INTERNATIONAL MOTHER LANGUAGE DAY	_____ 22 Bible Study 3:30pm Recycling Trailer  NLC Quiz Bowl at Mission Valley 4:30pm NHHS State Girls Wrestling NATIONAL MARGARITA DAY	Mexican 23 City Hall Closed  Trash Pickup Donuts with Dads 7:30am NHHS Wrestling Boys State Info for Newsletter due 8am! 	NHHS Wrestling Boys State SCREEN ACTORS GUILD AWARDS		
Finished Newsletter Due  PGW AWARDS	 Sirens test Spring Sports Practice Begins BB Sub-State	_____ 27 BB Sub-State	Crafters 1:30pm Miracle Cafe ELC/NLC Spring Pictures Leadership Challenge Event at Washburn FFA at Prairie View 9am BB Sub-State	_____ 29 Bible Study 3:30pm Leadership Challenge Event at Washburn BB Sub-State RARE DISEASE DAY				

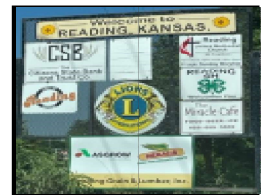
Fruit & Veggies for the month: Oranges, Star Fruit, Calabaza Squash, Chayte Squash, and Bitter Melon.

Flower(s): Violet



-  1st Quarter 16th
-  Full Moon 24th
-  Last Qtr 2nd
-  New Moon 9th

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- The city is researching the purchase of a water pressure gauge.
- Protocol was discussed on how to better notify the community when events like the water line break occur.
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Election Day

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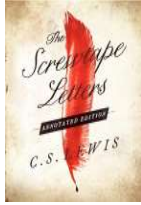


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C.S. Lewis's *The Screwtape Letters* has entertained and enlightened readers the world over with its sly and ironic portrayal of human life and foibles from the unique vantage point of Screwtape, a highly placed assistant to "Our Father Below." At once wildly comic, deadly serious, and strikingly original, C.S. Lewis gives us the correspondence of the wordly-wise devil to his nephew Wormwood, a novice demon in charge of securing the damnation of an ordinary young man. *The Screwtape Letters* is the most engaging account of temptation—and triumph over it—ever written.



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Reading 4-H



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Talon and Titan Price lead us in song during recreation at the same time we did the Hokey Pokey and we turned ourselves around. It was a fun little escape from the business part of our meeting. Titan gave a

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The members received their parts for the Club Skit for Club Days on March 2nd at Timmerman elementary school. Next meeting will be Wednesday, March 13th 6:45pm at The Miracle Cafe. Hunter Senft, Reporting

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It was reported that Benjamin Swisher has been picking up trash around our town to make it look nicer. Thanks so much Benjamin we all appreciate this.

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Reading, Kansas

9th Annual

City-wide Garage Sales

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SALE

COMMUNITY YARD SALE

Saturday, June 22nd

8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Women's History Month **March 2024** National Nutrition Month

Sunday **Monday** **Tuesday** **Wednesday** **Thursday** **Friday** **Saturday**

City of Reading Website



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



Smoked Meatloaf 1 2

Trash Pickup
Leadership Event at Washburn
BB Sub-State

ZERO DISCRIMINATION DAY EMPLOYEE APPRECIATION DAY

BB Sub State

TEXAS INDEPENDENCE DAY
Read Across America Day

www.readingks.com

3 **Coffee Club 4** 9:30-10:30am
Sirens test

5 _____

6 **Womens Coffee Club** 10am

Bible Study 3:30pm 7

City Council 7pm

No School
Recycling Trailer

1/2 Teacher Work Day
Parent Teacher Conferences 1-8pm
BB State

Ham 8

9

FFA at Paola 9am
Quiz Bowl at Council Grove 4:30pm
BB State at Dodge City

NLC Band/Choir Concert 7pm
BB State

End 3rd 9 wks
BB State
Site Council 6pm

DENTIST DAY
National Orea Day

CEREAL DAY

Barbaras Book Club 11:30am at Chi Em
Eats in Emporia

No School
Trash Pickup
BB State
ACT Registration due

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

BB State

WORLD WILDLIFE DAY

10 **Coffee Club 11** 9:30-10:30am
Sirens test

12 _____

13 **Crafters 1:30pm**
Miracle Cafe

14 _____

15 **Corned Beef**

16

Time to Spring Ahead

MARIO DAY ACADEMY Awards

NATIONAL MAPPING DAY

Bible Study 3:30pm

PI DAY
World Kidney Day

World Sleep Day
World Consumer Rights Day

4-H 6:45pm
BOE meeting 7pm

City Bills Due!
Trash Pickup

5% late fees added to unpaid city bills

NAACP Awards

17 **Coffee Club 18** 9:30-10:30am
Sirens test

19 _____

20 **Womens Coffee Club** 10am

21 **Harvesters 10am**
Osage City

Bible Study 3:30pm
Recycling Trailer

BB/SB at Central Heights 4pm

INTERNATIONAL FOREST DAY
WORLD DOWN SYNDROME DAY
World Poetry Day

KC Strips 22

23

Spring Break

Lions 6:30pm
PDC meeting 4pm

VOTE Election Day

NATIONAL AG DAY

SHUT OFF PAST DUE ACCOUNTS
FHL Instrumental and Vocal Osage City 9am/1pm

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF HAPPINESS
SPRING

Trash Pickup

FFA Fort Scott 8am
NLC Spring Sports Pictures

Info for Newsletter due 8am!

WORLD METEOROLOGICAL DAY
NATIONAL PUPPY DAY
EARTH HOUR

24 **Coffee Club 25** 9:30-10:30am
Sirens test

26 _____

27 **Crafters 1:30pm**
Miracle Cafe

28 _____

29 **Fish**

30

Finished Newsletter Due

WORLD TUBERCULOSIS DAY
International Day for the Right to the Truth concerning Gross Human Rights Violations and for the Dignity of Victims

DAY OF REMEMBRANCE OF THE VICTIMS OF SLAVERY AND THE TRANSATLANTIC SLAVE TRADE
INTERNATIONAL WAFFLE DAY

Forensics at Council Grove 2pm
BB/SB at Chase County 4pm

Kindergarten Round Up
NLC 6:30pm

AIR MAX DAY

NATIONAL JOE DAY
Manatee Appreciation Day

Bible Study 3:30pm
BB/SB at Chase County 4pm
HOSA at KSU
NHHS Track Relays at Lyndon 10am

VIETNAM WAR VETERANS DAY

No School
Trash Pickup


GOOD FRIDAY

World Bipolar Day
NATIONAL DOCTOR'S DAY

31

Fruit & Veggies for the month: Awparagus, Kiwi, Egg
Fruit, Guava, Grapefruit, Tamarillo, Feijoa, Red
Banana, & Kiwano Melon Flower(s): Daffodil

Reading KS FaceBook Page



1st Quarter 16th
Full Moon 25th
Last Qtr 3rd
New Moon 10th

INTERNATIONAL TRANSGENDER DAY OF VISIBILITY

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The City of Reading Council met on Thursday, March 7, 2024 at 7:00pm.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor, Malonne Davies. Council 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. Guest present, Kathy Barr and John Voorhees

- The February 1, 2024 minutes were presented and approved.
- The Treasurer's report was presented and approved.
- The payment of bills was presented and approved.
- Street work on First Street and Front Street have been completed
- Future street work on Walnut Street was discussed.

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, April 4, 2024 at 7:00pm
in the Community Building.

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
- Maintenance Manger, Brian Knight (620)794-0556

City Clerk email address:

cityofreading.ks@gmail.com

City website:

www.readingks.com

City FaceBook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/ReadingKS>

City Hall Office hours are:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and
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Billing Information

Utility bill payments are due by the 15th of each month. Late notices will go out on the 16th of each month. All accounts unpaid as of 8:00am on the 20th of each month will be disconnected. A reconnection fee of \$50.00 for each utility (gas/water) will be charged in addition to full payment of the utility bill to have services restored.

Recycling

The 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 the 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

Action Reminders!

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bottles, clear and colored glass containers. Please drive by the site to be sure the trailer is there before loading up your recyclables.

Trailer in Reading 2024:

April 4 & 18,
May 9 & 23, June 6 & 20, July 3 & 18,
August 8 & 22, September 5 & 19, October 3
& 17, November 7 & 21, December 5 & 19.

Drop-Off Recycling Options in Emporia

Many items can be recycled at drop-off locations throughout Emporia. Some common items 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 Ave.

Community Building Rental

All reservations must be made in person or in direct phone conversation with city hall staff. No emails or after hour phone messages will be accepted. The application and the deposit must be received within **one (1) week** of making the reservation or the reservation will be cleared from the calendar. Building rental payment must be received prior to the event. Up to four hour rentals are \$50, over four is \$100. All require a \$50 possibly refundable deposit. For an additional \$50.00 deposit, a big screen TV is available for use when renting the building.

If you are unable to stop by the office to pick up the reservation form, please email

cityofreading.ks@gmail.com

and a reservation form will be emailed to you. Please complete the form, then mail or drop off the form and deposit to the city office to confirm your reservation.

RV Park Rental Information

The RV park is always open and ready to enjoy. Sites have water, electricity and sewer for \$15/day. If you know of anyone who would like to rent space at either of the city's RV Parks, please

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City-Wide Clean-Up Information

With spring just around the corner, I have been in contact with the Lyon County Sanitation Department to find out if they will be offering "free dump days". That date will tie in with the Reading city-wide clean-up date. The commissioners are the deciding factor, if there will be "free dump days" again this year. From information gathered, at times that decision has been made only a couple weeks prior to the "free dump days", thus making it difficult to get the word out to everyone when the city-wide clean-up will be. As soon as I receive that information, I will do my best to get the city-wide clean-up date(s) posted on social media and posters will be placed around the city.

Gas Leak Reminder

If you smell gas inside your home/building, you should leave the home/building immediately and you **SHOULD NOT** do the following:

- DO NOT - Turn on/off electrical switches.
- DO NOT - Disconnect electrical plugs.
- DO NOT - Adjust the thermostat.
- DO NOT - Use a telephone.
- DO NOT - Strike matches or light a fire.

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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 afternoons 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.

Reading UMC is offering a scholarship opportunity until April 8th, 2024. Application PDF can be found on the Reading website, the Reading UMC page. <https://www.readingks.com/reading-united-methodist-church>

Reading UMC Healthy Congregations

For information on events please like and follow their FaceBook page: <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61552631576546>

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 By Rev. Lyle Williams 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 ECAT FaceBook page.

ECKAN has food distribution days. For distribution days and 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 doors or trunk. Website: <https://www.harvesters.org/drive-thru-food-pickup-calendars>

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, please 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.

Abundant Harvest Food Kitchen

Food is distributed from 1028 Whittier in Emporia. Follow their FaceBook page for notifications of what and when items are being distributed.

<https://www.facebook.com/ahfkemporiaks>

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.

Seniors

Interested in receiving meals, please call the Friendship Center in Emporia (620) 340-8001. Schedule to dine in at the center (221 W Logan Ave), pick up a hot meal to take home, or a week's worth of frozen meals.

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



Barbara's Book Club

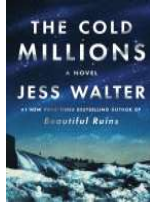
We will meet in Emporia at 11:30am for lunch and a book discussion at Bruffs.

Next meeting will be on Friday, April 12th. We will be discussing "The Cold Millions" by Jess Walter. New members are Welcome!!! Any questions, contact Malonne Davies at (620)794-4324.

An intimate story of brotherhood, love, sacrifice, and betrayal set against the panoramic backdrop of an early twentieth-century America that eerily echoes our own

time, *The Cold Millions* offers a kaleidoscopic portrait of a nation grappling with the chasm between rich and poor, between harsh realities and simple dreams.

The Dolans live by their wits, jumping freight trains and lining up for day work at crooked job agencies. While sixteen-year-old Rye yearns for a steady job and a home, his older brother, Gig, dreams of a better world, fighting alongside other union men for fair pay and decent treatment. Enter Ursula the Great, a vaudeville singer who performs with a live cougar and introduces the brothers to a far more dangerous creature: a mining magnate determined to keep his wealth and his hold on Ursula.



Dubious of Gig's idealism, Rye finds himself drawn to a fearless nineteen-year-old activist and feminist named Elizabeth Gurley Flynn. But a storm is coming, threatening to overwhelm them all, and Rye will be forced to decide where he stands. Is it enough to win the occasional battle, even if you cannot win the war?

NLC Pre-School Round-UP

Children who will be 4 years old on or before August 31, 2024 are invited to attend Preschool Roundup. Tuesday, April 9, 2024 6pm at the NLC Early Learning Center, 558 Broadway in Americus. Out of district families welcome. Feel free to call 620-481-2049.

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	Coffee Club 1 9:30-10:30am Sirens test iHeartRADIO MUSIC AWARDS DYNGUS DAY CESAR CHAVEZ DAY Public Health Week APRIL FOOLS' DAY	_____ 2 NHHS Track at Osage City 4pm AUTISM awareness	Womens Coffee Club 3 10am FHL Art Show at Mission Vly 1pm FFA Banquet at W Franklin 6pm Site Council at NLC 6pm National Walking Day	Bible Study 3:30pm City Council 7pm FBLA at Topeka FFA at Iola 8am NLC Track at Madison 1pm NHHS BB/SB vs W Franklin 4pm Recycling Trailer Burrito Day Hug a Newsperson Day MINE AWARENESS DAY	_____ 5 Smoked Meatloaf FBLA in Topeka NHH Track at Wabausee 3:30pm Trash Pickup DEEP DISH PIZZA DAY	_____ 6 Regional Music Festivals Solos & Small Ensembles National TARTAN Day INTERNATIONAL DAY OF SPORT FOR DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE	
International Day of Reflection on the 1994 Genocide against the Tuts in Rwanda WORLD HEALTH DAY CMT Music Awards NATIONAL BEER DAY	Coffee Club 8 9:30-10:30am Sirens test NHHS BB at Olpe 4pm NHHS SB at Harford 4pm HANUKKAH DAY	_____ 9 NLC Preschool RoundUP 6pm Americus National Honor Society Induction NATIONAL UNICORN DAY	Crafters 1:30pm Miracle Cafe 4-H 6:45pm Hoops Academy NLC Track at ESU 9:30am BOEING DAY NATIONAL SIBLING DAY	_____ 11 Bible Study 3:30pm Travis Sheeley Memorial Track Meet NHHS 12:30pm NHHS BB/SB at Osage City 4pm WORLD PARKINSON'S DAY NATIONAL PET DAY	Chicken Fried 12 Steak Barbaras Book Club 11:30am at Bruffs in Emporia FFA at Paola 9am Trash Pickup NATIONAL GRILLED CHEESE DAY INTERNATIONAL DAY OF HUMAN SPACE FLIGHT	_____ 13 ACT Test	
_____ 14 Finished Newsletter Due WORLD CREATIVITY AND INNOVATION DAY	Coffee Club 15 9:30-10:30am Sirens test City Bills Due! Lions 6:30pm NHHS BB/SB at Burlingame 4pm TAX DAY Jackie Robinson Day WORLD ART DAY	_____ 16 5% late fees added to unpaid city bills NLC Track at Lyndon 4pm NATIONAL BOOK & COPYRIGHT DAY Int'l. Day of Multilateralism and Diplomacy for Peace SPANISH LANGUAGE DAY English Language Day	Womens Coffee Club 17 10am Hoops Academy State Music Festival Large Groups FFA at Alma 9am HAIKU POETRY DAY	Harvesters 10am Osage City Bible Study 3:30pm State Music Festival Large Groups NHHS Track at Council Grove 3:30pm NHHS BB/SB at Mission Vly 4pm Recycling Trailer HIGH FIVE DAY	Pulled Pork 19 Info for Newsletter due 8am! NLC Track at Osage City 10am Trash Pickup BICYCLE DAY	_____ 20 Shut off past due accounts Regional Forensics 420 Day RECORD STORE DAY	
_____ 21 Finished Newsletter Due WORLD CREATIVITY AND INNOVATION DAY	Coffee Club 22 9:30-10:30am Sirens test NHHS BB/SB vs MdCV 4pm EARTH DAY	_____ 23 NHHS JV Track at Osage City 4pm Int'l. Day of Multilateralism and Diplomacy for Peace SPANISH LANGUAGE DAY English Language Day	Crafters 1:30pm Miracle Cafe Hoops Academy Administrative Professionals Day World Immunization Week Starts	Bible Study 3:30pm NHHS BB/SB vs Council Grove 4pm NFL Draft Starts DELEGATE'S DAY Take Your Child to Work Day WORLD MALARIA DAY PENGUIN DAY DNA DAY	Spaghetti 26 NHHS Track at St Marys 3pm NLC PTO Carnival 5:30-7pm Trash Pickup INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY DAY NATIONAL PRETZEL DAY Chemobly Disaster Remembrance Day ARBOR DAY	_____ 27 State Music Solos & Small Ensembles Prom at Bowyer Building Valet Parking 6pm Promenade 7pm After Prom 11:30pm VETERINARY DAY	
State FFA in Manhattan SUPERHERO Day World Day for Safety and Health at Work	Coffee Club 29 9:30-10:30am Sirens test State FFA in Manhattan NLC Spring Concert K-2 at 6/3-5 at 7pm INTERNATIONAL DANCE DAY Duke Ellington Day	_____ 30 State FFA in Manhattan NHHS Track at Burlington 3:30pm INTERNATIONAL JAZZ DAY	City of Reading Website  www.readingks.com			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:
 Green Onions; Leeks and Asian Pear
 Flower(s): Daisy and Sweet Pea



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- ☽ Full Moon 23rd
- ☾ Last Qtr 1st
- New Moon 8th

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The City of Reading Council met on Thursday, April 4, 2024 at 7:00pm.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor, Malonne Davies. Council members present were, Mary Ann Newton, Bill Paige, Heather Jones, and Marc Atchison. Council member absent was Kevin Sorensen. Present were Treasurer, Joyce Wilson, City Clerk, Nancy Standiferd and Maintenance Manager, Brian Knight. No guests were present

- The March 7, 2024 minutes were presented and approved.
- The Treasurer's report was presented and approved.
- The payment of bills was presented and approved.
- Several gravel streets have been graded. Other gravel streets will be graded in the upcoming months.
- Citizens that have been contacting council members with complaints was discussed. If a citizen has a complaint, even if you have visited with one of the council members, it is best to stop by the city office and complete a complaint form.
- There are several pieces of play equipment in the park that are in need of repair. Estimates on the cost of repair will be researched and presented at the May meeting.
- A new Utility Deposit ordinance was presented and approved. It will be published in the Emporia Gazette and on the City of Reading webpage.

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, May 2, 2024 at 7:00pm in the Community Building.

Meeting Date Changes:

- The June council meeting will be held on Thursday, June 13, 2024 at 7:00pm.
- The July council meeting will be held on Thursday, July 11, 2024 at 7:00pm.

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
- Maintenance Manger, Brian Knight (620)794-0556

City Clerk email address:

cityofreading.ks@gmail.com

City website:

www.readingks.com

City FaceBook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/ReadingKS>

City Hall Office hours are:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and
Friday, 8:30am – 12:30pm,
Wednesday, 8:30am – 3:30pm.

Action Reminders!

The next city council meeting will be on
Thursday, May 2, 2024 at 7:00pm
in the Community Building.

June council meeting will be on
Thursday, June 13, 2024 at 7:00pm
in the Community Building.

The City of Reading Council
meets the first Thursday of
the month at 7:00pm in the
Reading Community Building.

Billing Information

Utility bill payments are due by the 15th of each month. Late notices will go out on the 16th of each month. All accounts unpaid as of 8:00am on the 20th of each month will be disconnected. A reconnection fee of \$50.00 for each utility (gas/water) will be charged in addition to full payment of the utility bill to have services restored.

Recycling

The 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 the 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 the site to be sure the trailer is there before loading up your recyclables.

Trailer in Reading 2024:

May 9 & 23, June 6 & 20, July 3 & 18,
August 8 & 22, September 5 & 19, October 3
& 17, November 7 & 21, December 5 & 19.

Drop-Off Recycling Options in Emporia

Many items can be recycled at drop-off locations throughout Emporia. Some common items 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 Ave.

Community Building Rental

All reservations must be made in person or in direct phone conversation with city hall staff. No emails or after hour phone messages will be accepted. The application and the deposit must be received within **one (1) week** of making the reservation or the reservation will be cleared from the calendar. Building rental payment must be received prior to the event. Up to four hour rentals are \$50, over four is \$100. All require a \$50 possibly refundable deposit. For an additional \$50.00 deposit, a big screen TV is available for use when renting the building.

If you are unable to stop by the office to pick up the reservation form, please email

cityofreading.ks@gmail.com

and a reservation form will be emailed to you. Please complete the form, then mail or drop off the form and deposit to the city office to confirm your reservation.

RV Park Rental Information

The RV park is always open and ready to enjoy. Sites have water, electricity and sewer for \$15/day. If you know of anyone who would like to rent space at either of the city's RV Parks, please have them stop by the City Hall office to complete a reservation form and submit their payment.



CITY-WIDE CLEAN UP

Please have all items separated and placed at the curb by
7:00am on Sunday, April 28, 2024.

Items placed at the curb later than 7:00am on Sunday, April 28th will
NOT be picked up.

Please separate all items and place them at the curb!

Acceptable Items:

Wood
Metal
Furniture
Electronics (NO BATTERIES)

NOT Acceptable Items:

Household Trash
Paint/Paint Cans
Tires
Chemicals
Oil
Tree Limbs/Yard Waste
Batteries

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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 afternoons 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.

The scholarship committee of **Reading United Methodist Church** is happy to report that we were able to award a scholarship to all eight Reading area students who applied. Those who will be receiving awards for the fall of 2024: Continuing college students: Taylin Kirkpatrick, ESU; Hannah Jones, KSU; Kaden Kirkpatrick, ESU. The graduating high school students are: McKinley Senft, Osage City High School to attend ESU; and from Northern Heights High School - Sadie Bathurst (Bellus Academy, Manhattan), Bethany DeDonder (KSU), Savannah Hopper (ESU) and Preston Patton (Washburn). These students have done remarkably well this far in their academic careers. Congratulations to all of them and good luck for the future.

Reading UMC Healthy Congregations

For information on events please like and follow their FaceBook page: <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61552631576546>



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 By Rev. Lyle Williams 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 ECAT FaceBook page.

ECKAN has food distribution days. For distribution days and 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 doors or trunk. Website: <https://www.harvesters.org/drive-thru-food-pickup-calendars>

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, please 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.

Abundant Harvest Food Kitchen

Food is distributed from 1028 Whittier in Emporia. Follow their FaceBook page for notifications of what and when items are being distributed. <https://www.facebook.com/ahfkemporiaks>

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.

Seniors

Interested in receiving meals, please call the Friendship Center in Emporia (620) 340-8001. Schedule to dine in at the center (221 W Logan Ave), pick up a hot meal to take home, or a week's worth of frozen meals.

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



Barbara's Book Club

We will meet in Emporia at 11:30am for lunch and a



book discussion at Bruffs. Next meeting will be on Friday, May 10th. We will be discussing "Remarkably Bright Creatures" by Shelby Van Pelt. New members are Welcome!!! Questions, contact Malonne Davies at (620)794-4324.

After Tova Sullivan's husband died, she began working the night shift at the Sowell Bay Aquarium, mopping floors and tidying up. Keeping busy has always helped her cope, which she's been doing since her eighteen-year-old son, Erik, mysteriously vanished on a boat in Puget Sound over thirty years ago. Tova becomes acquainted with curmudgeonly Marcellus, a giant Pacific octopus living at the aquarium. Marcellus knows more than anyone can imagine but wouldn't dream of lifting one of his eight arms for his human captors--until he forms a remarkable friendship with Tova. Ever the detective, Marcellus deduces what happened the night Tova's son disappeared. And now Marcellus must use every trick his old invertebrate body can muster to unearth the truth for her before it's too late.



NLC PTO

The PTO is a group of parents that helps to provide special programs and events for our children, but it cannot function without the help of many parents. Please see the 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:
northernheightsboosterclub@gmail.com

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.readingks.com/>.



Reading 4-H

The Reading 4-H Club met at the Miracle Cafe on Wednesday, April 10th at 6:45pm. Members of the Club answered roll call with "what is the best day of the year?" Talon price led us in the ABC song. Layton Fox led us in a game of tag. May 1st is add and drop deadline for project areas. The Gary Fuller Spring show will be held May 4th-5th. Next meeting will be Wednesday, May 8th 6:45pm at The Miracle Cafe. The Club is buying pizza for our refreshments. Hunter Senft, Reporting

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, come join us. Please contact Rosalie Voorhees with questions or for more information.

Reading Lions' Club

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! All funds raised are used for charitable purposes.

As our guests this month, we had our district governor Pam Bilyeu from the Lyndon Lions Club and McKinley Senft. McKinley gave her informative speech she will do at state forensics in May. She did a very impressive presentation. Lion Pam told us about the goals our international president has for Lions all over the world. It is always good to learn about projects Lions are doing all over the world.

It was decided to sponsor the Fourth of July fireworks again this year. And a donation in memory of Deborah Goethals was made to the Kansas Specialty Dog Service in Washington, Kansas.

We want to express a big thank out to our Reading firemen for their service to protect our community. We know pasture burning in the spring presents a challenge every year. We appreciate the time they give to stay trained and fight fires. Thanks so much.

Next Lions' Club meeting will be on Monday, May 20th 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 7pm at a meeting and see if Lions' Club is for you too! Guests are always welcome, Rosalie Voorhees.



Performance Sports

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 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.

Northern Heights Alumni Banquet

Save the Date!!! 2024 Alumni Banquet Saturday, June 15th. More information available soon.

The Miracle Cafe



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

Closed on Monday, May 27th.

Daily Specials

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

Friday Night Specials for May

3rd- Smoked Meatloaf
10th- Ham Loaf
17th- Smoked Turkey & Dressing
24th- Brisket
31st- BBQ Ribs

New Miracle Cafe coffee cups are available for \$10 each!

Thank you for your continued support!
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.

The scholarship committee met recently and awarded a \$500 scholarship for the fall of 2024 to each of eight worthy students who previously attended Reading Elementary School. They are: Sadie Bathurst, Greta Crawford, Bethany DeDonder, Elizabeth Galloway, Hannah Jones, Warren Lowery, McKinley Senft and Austin Woodrow. The people of the Reading community

should be very proud of the accomplishments of all of them.

Laura Schlobohm Services

The funeral service for former and long-time Reading resident, Laura Schlobohm who passed away earlier this year, is set for 11a.m. on Tuesday, May 28th at Reading United Methodist Church. This date would have been Laurie's 105th birthday. She was always a willing worker for the good of our community and especially in the leadership of the church. There will be a lunch following the service at the church. If anyone in the community would like to bring a dish to share with the family, please let me know. Thank you. Marion Jones, 620-343-0489.

Tornado Trot & Trail

Hope you sign up for the Tornado Trot & Trail for Handlebars of Hope? This year's event will be Saturday, June 22, it only costs \$30! Registration and payment must be received by June 4th to receive a T-shirt. Email Tornadotrot@gmail.com to get a registration form!

Events:

5K run or walk
EF1 - 14-mile bike ride
EF2 - 26-mile bike ride
EF3 - 36-mile bike ride --- NEW for 2024

Registration opens at 6:30am, closes at 8:30am
Official start time is 7:30am, rolling start 7:30am - 8:30am
Registration is due by June 4th to receive a t-shirt.

Citywide Garage Sales

As always our annual citywide garage sales are the same day as the Tornado Trot and Trail event. This year it will be Saturday, June 22nd. Suggested time is from 8am to 4pm; but of course you may have any hours you choose.

Please contact Linda Woods if you are interested. If there is enough interest we will advertise! You may also respond to posts on the **Reading, KS** FaceBook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/ReadingKS>

or

Reading KS community page. Reading Tornado May 21.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/264185250288467/>

GARAGE SALE

Reading, Kansas
9th Annual
City-wide Garage Sales

Saturday, June 22nd
8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>City of Reading Website</p>  <p>www.readingks.com</p>			<p>Womens Coffee Club 10am</p> <p>NATIONAL DECISION DAY</p> <p>World Lyme Day</p> <p>MAY DAY</p>	<p>UMC Bible Study 3:30pm</p> <p>City Council 7pm</p> <p>Track NHHS at Herington 3:30pm</p> <p>Recycling Trailer</p> <p>NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER</p> <p>WORLD TUNA DAY</p>	<p>Smoked Meatloaf</p> <p>ACT Registration</p> <p>Muffins with Mom 7:30am NLC</p> <p>PK-5 Play Day</p> <p>BB/SB vs Lyndon 4pm</p> <p>Senior Recognition</p> <p>Trash Pickup</p> <p>World Press Freedom Day</p>	<p>State Forensics</p> <p>STAR WARS Day</p> <p>KENTUCKY DERBY</p> <p>INTERNATIONAL FIREFIGHTERS DAY</p> <p>COMIC BOOK DAY</p>
<p>TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK</p> <p>Cinco de Mayo</p> <p>LAUGHTER DAY</p>	<p>Coffee Club 9:30-10:30am</p> <p>Sirens test</p> <p>Track NHHS at ESU 3pm</p> <p>NATIONAL NURSES DAY</p>	<p>FHJL Track at W Franklin 10:30am</p> <p>NHHS Sports Banquet 6pm</p> <p>WORLD ASTHMA DAY</p> <p>TEACHER APPRECIATION DAY</p>	<p>Crafters 1:30pm</p> <p>Miracle Cafe</p> <p>4-H 6:45pm</p> <p>FHJL Track Rain Date 10:30am</p> <p>BOE meeting 7pm</p> <p>Time of Remembrance and Reconciliation for Those Who Lost Their Lives During WWII</p>	<p>UMC Bible Study 3:30pm</p> <p>NHHS Night of the Arts</p> <p>NHHS Senior Awards Night 6pm</p>	<p>Ham Loaf</p> <p>Barbaras Book Club 11:30am at Bruffs in Emporia</p> <p>Track FHL at Chase County 3pm</p> <p>Trash Pickup</p> <p>MILITARY SPOUSE APPRECIATION DAY</p>	<p>TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK</p> <p>Eat What You Want Day</p> <p>WORLD MIGRATORY BIRD DAY</p>
<p>Mother's Day</p> <p>FOOD ALLERGY AWARENESS WEEK</p>	<p>Coffee Club 9:30-10:30am</p> <p>Sirens test</p> <p>PDC meeting 4pm</p> <p>BB/SB Regionals</p>	<p>BB/SB Regionals</p>	<p>Womens Coffee Club 10am</p> <p>City Bills Due!</p> <p>BB/SB Regionals</p> <p>INTERNATIONAL DAY OF FAMILIES</p> <p>NATIONAL CHOCOLATE CHIP DAY</p>	<p>Harvesters 10am</p> <p>Osage City Recycling Trailer</p> <p>late fees added to unpaid city bills</p> <p>Bible Study 3:30pm</p> <p>BB/SB Regionals</p> <p>Track Regionals</p> <p>ACM AWARDS</p> <p>LIVING TOGETHER IN PEACE DAY OF LIGHT</p>	<p>Smoked Turkey & Dressing</p> <p>8th Grade Trip</p> <p>Track Regionals</p> <p>Trash Pickup</p> <p>World Telecommunication & Information Society Day</p> <p>ENDANGERED SPECIES DAY</p> <p>BIKE TO WORK DAY</p>	<p>Shut off past due accounts</p> <p>NHHS Graduation 7pm</p> <p>ARMED FORCES DAY</p> <p>MUSEUM DAY</p>
<p>Coffee Club 9:30-10:30am</p> <p>Sirens test</p> <p>Lions 6:30pm</p> <p>NLC Awards 6-8 Grade/8th Grade Celebration at NHHS 6:30pm</p> <p>World Bee Day</p> <p>RESCUE DOG DAY</p>	<p>Coffee Club 9:30-10:30am</p> <p>Sirens test</p> <p>No School</p> <p>Cafe Closed</p> <p>MEMORIAL DAY</p>	<p>Last Day of School</p> <p>World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development</p>	<p>Crafters 1:30pm</p> <p>Miracle Cafe</p> <p>Teacher Work Day</p> <p>International Biological Diversity Day</p> <p>World Goth Day</p>	<p>UMC Bible Study 3:30pm</p> <p>BB/SB State</p> <p>International Day to End Obstetric Fistula</p> <p>World Turtle Day</p>	<p>Brisket</p> <p>BB/SB State</p> <p>Track State</p> <p>Trash Pickup</p> <p>Info for Newsletter due 8am!</p> <p>BROTHER'S DAY</p>	<p>Track State</p> <p>National Wine Day</p> <p>Towel Day</p>
<p>Finished Newsletter Due</p>	<p>Finished Newsletter Due</p>	<p>Services for Laura Schlobohm 11am RUMC</p> <p>FFA State in Manhattan</p> <p>National Burger Day</p>	<p>FFA State in Manhattan</p> <p>International Day of UNITED NATIONS PEACEKEEPERS</p> <p>World Otter Day</p> <p>National Biscuit Day</p>	<p>UMC Bible Study 3:30pm</p> <p>FFA State in Manhattan</p> <p>World MS Day</p>	<p>BBQ Ribs</p> <p>FFA State in Manhattan</p> <p>Trash Pickup</p> <p>WORLD NO TOBACCO DAY</p>	

Fruit & Veggies for the month: Mangos, Potatoes, Limes, & Rhubarb
 Flower(s): Lily of the Valley & Hawthorn



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