## CITY of READING NEWSLETTER July 2025

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- Kathy Barr presented insurance information.
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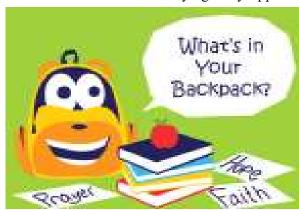


#### United Methodist Church Open Hearts . Open Minds . Open Doors

Sunday Worship Service 11am Pastor, Michelle Byerly

Greeting, Reading, KS! It is a joy to be with you all. My name is Michelle Byerly and I am now serving as the pastor for the UM church in Reading and Osage City. I look forward to being with you all in the community, and hope to get to know you. You may reach out to me Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday from 9am to 2pm at the Osage City UMC office 785-528-4443. My email is mbyerly@greatplainsumc.org, or reach me through the Reading UMC-Kansas Facebook page.

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.



BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS READING UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Looking at real estate isn't usually a life-or-death situation, but an apartment open house becomes just that when a failed bank robber bursts in and takes a group of strangers hostage. The captives include a recently retired couple who

truth that they can't fix their own marriage. There's a wealthy bank director who has been too busy to care about anyone else and a young couple who are about to have their first child but can't seem to agree on anything, from where they want to live to how they met in the first place. Add to the mix an eighty-seven-year-old woman who has lived long enough not to be afraid of someone waving a gun in her face, a flustered but still-ready-to-make-a-deal real estate agent, and a mystery man who has locked himself in the apartment's only bathroom, and you've got the group of hostages in the world. Each of them carries a lifetime of grievances, hurts, secrets, and passions that are ready to boil over. None of them is entirely who they appear to be. And all of them—the bank robber included—desperately crave some sort of rescue. As the authorities and the media surround the premises these reluctant allies will reveal surprising truths about themselves and set in motion a chain of events so unexpected that even they can hardly explain what happens next. New members are Welcome! Questions, please contact Malonne Davies at (620)794-4324.

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**USD 251** 

#### Enrollment

PK-12 Grade Enrollment Monday, July 28th from 1-8pm Tuesday, July 29th from 8am-noon

#### ALL Students will enroll at NLC Elementary School 804 6th Street in Americus in the Gymnasium

#### **Textbook Fees**

#### All Grades

Textbook Fee \$50 Technology Fee \$35 Band Instrument Rental monthly fee of \$10

#### **High School only**

Art Fee (per class) \$15 FACS Fee (per class) \$25 Vo-Ag Fee (per class) \$25 Driver's Ed Fee \$100

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Miracle Cafe coffee cups are \$10 each! Thank you for your support! Gene and Reta Jackson

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Reading Lions Club Fourth of July fireworks display at the Reading City Park was a beautiful evening. We would like to thank everyone who came to the fireworks display, and that bought brownies and ice cream. I huge thank you to Ryder and Amy Jackson, Justin Jackson and family for shooting off the fireworks.

Next Lions' Club meeting will be on Monday, August 18th 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 for the meeting and learn what Lions' Club is all about! Guests are always welcome, Rosalie Voorhees.



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The Reading 4-H Club had their monthly meeting on Wednesday, July 9th at 6:45pm. There were seven members and two leaders present.

Our 4-H Club has been busy gearing up for the fair, selling advance fair tickets, and getting last minute projects done. We've been working with our animals, and filling out our fair schedules with many events and judging times.

We would like to thank everyone in our community for your support this year. We would love for you to check out our projects at the fair. The Anderson Building opens on July 31st at 10am with animals in place by 3pm.

Our next meeting will be our club tour at the fair on Friday, August 1st after the conclusion of the bucket calf show. Lincoln Senft, Reporting

#### **Lyon County Fair Events**

August 1 BBQ Competition August 2 7pm Rancfh Rodeo August 3 3pm Farm Bureau Kid Tractor Pull August 7 6:30pm Pee Wee Rodeo August 7 7pm Antique Tractor Pull August 9 7pm Demolition Derby August 5-9 6pm nightly Carnival

#### **Tornado Trot & Trail**

The 2025 Tornado Trot and Trail was a Big Bang Thanks to all of you... we donated \$2000 to Handlebars of Hope. For questions please email tornadotrot@gmail.com.



Wednesday, August 20th



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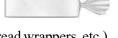
They can't help you if they can't find you! Think about your mailbox or house and how well it is marked in case EMS or the Sheriff's Office need to respond in an emergency! Also, will help delivery services to find you.

2000 each - 5" by 15" sign with a green background (not actual color) and white numbering may be attached to your house or mailbox pole.



Please contact any Lions Club member for more information or to place an order!





Plastic bags (sacks, bread wrappers, etc.) please take to The Miracle Cafe.

All proceeds go directly to community projects!



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- Info The water pressure failure was due to an incoming water source flush.

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Meanwhile, in New York City, Dean Tenney, former Major League pitcher and Andy's childhood best friend, is wrestling with what miserable athletes living out their worst nightmares call the "yips": he can't throw straight anymore, and, even worse, he can't figure out why. As the media storm heats up, an invitation from Andy to stay in Maine seems like the perfect chance to hit the reset button on Dean's future.

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#### **OPEN COACHING POSITIONS**

#### Northern Heights High School

Assistant Football Coach Assistant Boys Basketball Coach

These positions are seasonal. Salary is based on the supplemental salary schedule. Please submit a classified application to: Nicolette Nuessen, Board Clerk, USD 251, PO Box 527, Americus, KS 66835 or email to nuessenn@usd251.org. Applications are available on-line at <a href="www.usd251.org">www.usd251.org</a> or may be picked up at the District Office at 614 Main, Americus, KS. These positions will remain open until filled. EOE

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Pictured below is Rhylee Venters and Sunny Photo credit: Michelle Pringle



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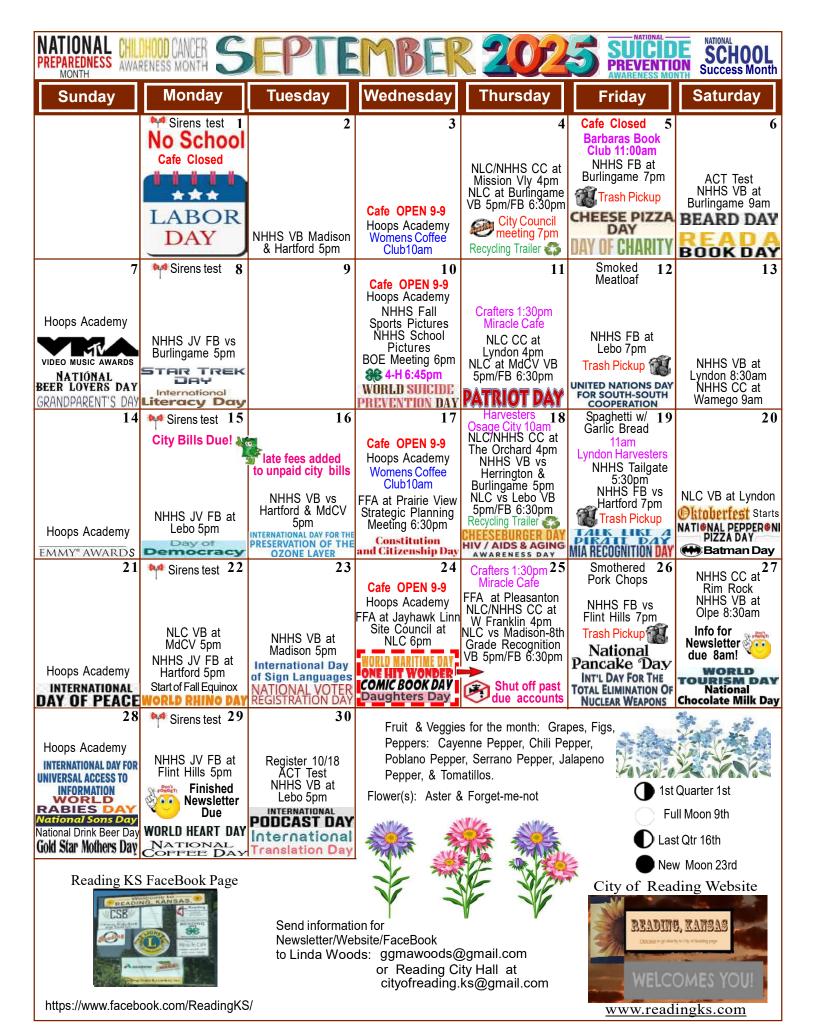
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## CITY of READING NEWSLETTER September 2025

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Brett Bohlinger seems to have it all: a plum job, a spacious loft, an irresistibly handsome boyfriend. All in all, a charmed life. That is, until her beloved mother passes away, leaving behind a will



with one big stipulation: In order to receive her inheritance, Brett must first complete the life list of goals she'd written when she was a naive girl of fourteen. Grief-stricken, Brett can barely make sense of her mother's decision—her childhood dreams don't resemble her ambitions at age thirty-four in the slightest. Some seem impossible. How can she possibly have a relationship with a father who died seven years ago? Other goals (Be an awesome teacher!) would require her

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#### Fall Hoops Academy

Wednesday's Sessions Oct. 1, 8, 15, & 22. K-4th 6-7pm 5th-8th 7-8pm Sunday's Sessions Oct. 5, 12, & 19.

K-6th 2-3pm JH/HS: Women 3-4pm Men 4-5pm

For more information, go to our website! Lucas Boss

#### https://www.performance-sports.net

#### Women's Coffee Club

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

#### RCD

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

Meetings are posted on FaceBook only when needed and at The Miracle Cafe. Guests are always welcome!

#### The Miracle Cafe



Monday, Tuesday, & Thursday 9am-3pm Wednesday & Friday 9am-9pm

Closed Saturday & Sunday

#### **Daily Specials**

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

Open all Wednesday evenings in October to accommodate Hoops Academy participants and the community. No set specials, just good food and good people.

October Friday Night Specials
3rd- Smoked Meatloaf
10th- BBQ Ribs
17th- Bierocks
24th- Baked Ham
31st- BBQ Meatballs

Miracle Cafe coffee cups are \$10 each! Thank you for your support! Gene & Reta Jackson

#### Reading Lions' Club



On Thursday, October 30th at 5:30pm the Lions Club will be providing a hot dog feed (hot dog, chips, & bottled water) at

The Miracle Cafe during Trunk & Treat! Next Lions Club meeting will be on Monday, October 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 for the meeting and learn what Lions Club is all about! Guests are always welcome, Rosalie Voorhees.

#### Reading 4-H



The Reading 4-H club met on September 10th at 7pm. We had club officer elections and voted to keep the offices the same this year.

Rhylee Jo gave a project talk about her goat Tom.

Congratulations on our only state fair showman, Crue Jackson for showing his goat Jerry. They showed really well and received a 7th place finish for market, Crue showed really well in showmanship but didn't place. He got good experience and ended his 4-H career this year. Caden Jackson also will be aging out of the 4-H club we want to wish them well on their future endeavors. Reading 4-H is proud of them!

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#### Reading Lions Club Fundraisers

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Hot Dogs/S'mores 5:30pm Kids games 5:30pm Trunk & Treat 6:00-7pm



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 at 5:30pm.

Reading 4H Club will be sponsoring kids games!

Trunk & Treat will be from 6 -7pm on

main street (First Street).

BREAST CANCER Awareness Month



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

Sundav

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

Flower(s): Calendula

Fruit & Veggies for the month: Pears, Apples, Persimmons, Pumpkin, Ginger, Galangal, & Tumeric

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Womens Coffee Club10am Hoops Academy WORLD **Vegetarian** day

COFFEE DAY

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School Custodian 2 Recognition Day NLC//NHHS CC at Council Grove 4pm NLC at Hartford VB 5pm/FB 6:30pm City Council meeting 7pm

Recycling Trailer International Day
OF Non-Violence
NAME YOUR CAR DAY

NLC CC at

Osage City 4pm NLV at Waverly VB

5pm/FB 6:30pm

3 Barbaras Book Club 11:00am NLC Middle School Dance 6pm NHHS FB at Madison 7pm Trash Pickup WORLD SMILE DAY

MEAN GIRLS DAY WORLD ANIMAL DAY

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NATIONAL 🌃 🚺 DAY

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Hoops Academy World Teacher's Day WORLD HABITAT DAY

NHHS JV FB vs Madison 54pm GERMAN AMERICAN DAY National Coaches Day Sirens test 13

Sirens test

NHHS VB at Olpe 5pm 14 City Bills Due!15

Homecomina Parade 6:30pm **4-H** 6:45pm

Hoops Academy WALK TO SCHOOL DAY

FFA in Kansas City

BOE meeting 6pm

Womens Coffee

Club10am

Hoops Academy

FCCLA at Anderson

County

Strategic Planning

Meeting 6:30pm

Hoops Academy

Crafters 1:30pm

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late fees added 16 to unpaid city bills NLC/NHHS CC LCL Meet at Orchard 4pm NLV at Olpe VB 5pm/FB 6:30pm

Harvesters 10am Recycling Trailer Spirit Day

WORLD FOOD DAY Eradication of Poverty Boss Day National Pasta Day

Homecoming Dance Homecoming Ceremony 6:30pm NHHS FB vs Yates Center 7pm

Trash Pickup 🎆 World Egg Day WORLD MENTAL HEALTH DAY

NHHS VB LCL Tournament at Wht Auditorium 8am NHHS VB at Mission Valley 9am COMING OUT DAY

GIRL CHILD DAY 18

Hoops Academy NATIONAL FARMERS DAY

COLUMBUS DAY

NLC VB at Lebo 4pm

NHHS JV FB at W

Franklin 5pm

International Day for

**Disaster Reduction** 

NO BRA DAY
Indigenous Peoples Day
ADA LOVELACE DAY DESSERT DAY

NHHS VB vs

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End 1st 9 wks 17 NHHS Senior Recognition 6:30pm NHHŠ FB vs Chase County7pm 11am Lyndon Harvesters

Trash Pickup International Day for the

ACT Test NLC VB LCL Tournament at Hartford 9am

**Sweetest Day** 

Sirens test 20

Lions 6:30pm 🧶

NHHS VB Regional NHHS JV FB at

Chase County 6pm

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No School No School

1/2Teacher Work Day Parent-Teacher Conferences 1-8pm Crafters 1:30pm Miracle Cafe

NHHS FB at Lyndon 7pm Trash Pickup NATIONAL FOOD DAY **United Nations Day** 

Shut off past due accounts

NHHS CC Regional NHHS VB Sub-State Fall Bunch Osage UMC 10am Info for Newsletter

due 8am! **National Trick or Treat Day** 

Hoops Academy 26

National Pumpkin

WORLD STATISTICS DAY NHHS VB Regional National Nut Day Sirens test 27 No Schoo Teacher Inservice

NHHS JV FB vs Lyndon 6pm Finished

Newsletter Due World Day for

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NHHS Scholars **Bowl Invitational** 4pm BLACK CAT DAY Chocolate Day NATIONAL CAT DAY Candy Corn Day

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FFA in Indianapolis, IN Site Council meeting at NLC 6pm **WORLD STROKE DAY** 

MOLE DAY

**Trunk & Treat** 

5:30pm

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Information Day

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NHHS VB State NHHS FB TBA

World Development

**World Cities Dau** 

Reading KS FaceBook Page



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

1st Quarter 29tht

Full Moon 6th

Last Qtr 13th

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# THROWBAG

## TIEKETS ON SALE!!

SEPT. 20-OCT. 15

OCT. 16-NOV. 15

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\*reserved table

\*extra drink ticket &

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Request Purchase Information:

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MUST BE OVER 21 YEARS
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Between tutoring Americans in French, visiting the market, and eagerly sampling the results of Julia's studies at Le Cordon Bleu cooking school, Tabitha's sojourn is proving thoroughly delightful. That is, until the cold December day they return to Julia's building and learn that a body has

been found in the cellar. Tabitha recognizes the victim as a woman she'd met only the night before, at a party given by Julia's sister, Dort. The murder weapon found nearby is recognizable too—a knife from Julia's kitchen.

Tabitha is eager to help the investigation, but is shocked when Inspector Merveille reveals that a note, in Tabitha's handwriting, was found in the dead woman's pocket. Is this murder a case of international intrigue, or something far more personal? From the shadows of the Tour Eiffel at midnight, to the tiny third-floor Child kitchen, to the grungy streets of Montmartre, Tabitha navigates through the city hoping to find the real killer before she or one of her friends ends up in prison . . . or worse.

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#### **Performance Sports**

Fall Throws Academy is enrolling now! We continue to push out state champions and some of the top throwers in the country. We also love working with beginners new to the sport. Sessions that fit everyone! Shot Put, Discus, and Javelin training available. Wednesdays, JH/HS Nov. 5th, 12th, 19th, Dec. 3rd & 13th

Javelin 6-7:15pm 7:15-8:30pm

Shot Put 6-7:15pm Discus 7:15-8:30pm Saturdays HS Nov. 8th. 15th, 22nd, Dec. 6th & 13th Javelin 10-11:15am 11:15-12:30pm Shot Put 10-11:15am Discus 11:15-12:30pm

For more information, go to our website! Lucas Boss https://www.performance-sports.net

#### Women's Coffee Club

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

#### RCD

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

Meetings are posted on FaceBook only when needed and at The Miracle Cafe. Guests are always welcome!

#### The Miracle Cafe



#### **November Hours**

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 9am-3pm Friday 9am-9pm

Closed Saturday & Sunday

#### **Daily Specials**

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

November Friday Night Specials
7th- Smoked Meatloaf
14th- Chicken & Noodles
21st- Mexican

The Miracle will be closed on Thursday, November 27th and Friday, November 28th.

Miracle Cafe coffee cups are \$10 each! Thank you for your support! Gene & Reta Jackson

#### Reading Lions' Club

Melanie Snider, the first District Governor was our guest at the meeting. She reported on activities going on in the district. Encouraged us to continue our service work in the community. Plans were completed for our part of trunk or treat. \$50 was taken from Warren

Voorhees memorial to purchase prizes for the games.

Next Lions Club meeting will be on Monday, November 17th 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 for the meeting and learn what Lions Club is all about! Guests are always welcome, Rosalie Voorhees.

#### Reading 4-H

The Reading 4-H Club kicked off 4-H Week with 4-H Sunday at United Methodist Church in Reading attending and helping with the service. At our October meeting we welcome the new Lyon County Extension agent, Allison Williams to our meeting. The Club has a display set up at The Miracle Cafe for the patrons to see our projects along with posters. The 4-H club is also organizing the games for the Trunk or Treat this month. Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 12th at 6:45pm at the Miracle Cafe. Lincoln Senft, Reporting





#### Reading Lions Club Fundraisers

#### **Address Signs**

They can't help you if they can't find you! Think about your mailbox or house and how well it is marked in case EMS or the Sheriff's Office need to respond in an emergency! Also, will help delivery services to find you.

20<sup>00</sup> each - 5" by 15" sign with a green background (not actual color) and white numbering may be attached to your house or mailbox pole.



Please contact any Lions Club member for more information or to place an order!

All proceeds go directly to community projects!





# Trunk & Treat Thursday, October 30th

Hot Dogs/S'mores 5:30pm Kids games 5:30pm Trunk & Treat 6:00-7pm



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 at 5:30pm.

Reading 4H Club will be sponsoring kids games!

Trunk & Treat will be from 6 -7pm on main street (First Street).

