

CITY of READING NEWSLETTER

January 2025

City Council Meeting Highlights

The City of Reading Council met on Thursday, January 2, 2025 at 7:00pm.

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

- The December 5, 2024 minutes were presented and approved.
- The Treasurer's report was presented and approved.
- The Payment of Bills was presented and approved.
- Sealed bids will be accepted until Wed. Feb. 5th for a LaserJet Pro 400 Color printer/copier, a Sentry safe, and a counter top refrigerator. Bids will be opened at the February 6th meeting.
- A culvert near the corner of Vine and Front Street has been repaired. Rock will be added.
- Water line replacement for the line located on Second Street, going south along Road Y5 will begin as soon as weather permits.
- The Christmas decorations will be taken down as soon it is safe to do so.

City Hall Office Hours:

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

City of Reading Contact Info:

City Hall, 620-699-3870
Clerk, Nancy Standiferd
Treasurer, Joyce Wilson
Maint. Manager, Brian Knight, 620-794-0556
Email: cityofreading.ks@gmail.com
Webpage: www.readingks.com
Facebook:
<https://www.facebook.com/ReadingKS>

City Council Members:

Mayor, Malonne Davies

Council Members:

Mary Ann Newton, President
Marc Atchison
Heather Jones
Bill Paige
Kevin Sorensen

Council meetings are the first Thursday of each month at 7:00pm in the Reading Community Building.

Utility Billing Information

Utility bill payments are due by the 15th of each month. Late notices will be delivered on the 16th of each month. All accounts unpaid by 8:00am on the 20th of each month will be disconnected. If the 16th or the 20th falls on a Saturday, Sunday or holiday, notifications and disconnections will be done on the closest business day following the 16th and the 20th. A reconnection fee will be charged to disconnected accounts. To have services restored, the full utility balance due and the reconnection fee will need to be paid.

Action Reminder

The next city council meeting will be held on Thursday, February 6, 2025 at 7:00pm.

Community Building Rental Info.

All reservations must be made in person or in direct phone conversation with city hall staff. No after hour phone messages will be accepted. The application and the deposit must be received within **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. Payment is by check or cash.

Rental and Deposit Rates

Rental up to four (4) hours - \$50.00
Rentals longer than four (4) hours - \$100.00
Deposit for building rental - \$50.00
For an additional deposit of \$50.00, a big screen TV is available for use when renting the building. Deposit and building rental must be paid in two (2) separate checks.

If you are unable to pick up a reservation form, please email cityofreading.ks@gmail.com and a reservation form will be emailed to you. Please complete the form, then either mail or drop off the form and deposit to the city office to confirm and hold your reservation.

RV Park Rental Information

All RV sites have water, sewer and electricity, (30amp & 50amp).
Cost is \$15.00/night.
Payment is by check or cash.
Reservations can be made at the city office.

Recycling Information

The recycling trailer will be parked on First Street, across from the school, on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month. If the 1st is not on a Monday or Tuesday, then the trailer will be here the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month.

Materials accepted: newspapers, magazines, junk mail, plastics numbered 1 thru 7, cardboard, tin cans, aluminum cans, and glass containers. Please rinse containers.

2025 Recycling Dates:

February 6, 20
March 6, 20
April 3, 17
May 8, 22
June 5, 18 (June 19th is a holiday)
July 3, 17
August 7, 21
September 4, 18
October 9, 23
November 6, 20
December 4, 18

Recycling options in Emporia are:

- Books – Emporia Public Library
- Clothing, housewares, furniture, working electronics and small appliances – Salvation Army or Goodwill
- Plastic Sacks – Walmart or Dillions
- Yard Waste – Emporia City Landfill/Transfer Station
- Hazardous Waste – 3000 West South Ave, Emporia

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

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.

On Sunday, January 5th, we will be meeting in the church basement after our Sunday morning service to assemble 25 cleaning and hygiene supplies for disaster Flood Buckets. This is part of UMCOR's project to replenish their disaster clean up supplies which were depleted due to recent disasters in the south eastern US. All of the supplies have been purchased and are ready to be assembled. The completed buckets will eventually be taken to the main supply facility in New Orleans. Anyone wishing to help with this is welcome to attend. Any monetary donations received will be used to offset the cost of purchasing the supplies. A light lunch will be served and we will start about 12:30pm.

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

The church is not closed, but there are no services or Bible studies being held. We can still offer the church for weddings, funerals, etc. contact Bill Paige at 620-795-5457.



ECKAN and ECAT in Osage City

ECAT is the food pantry at 306 Martin. People from Reading can get food once a month, also have some nice clothing.

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

Food distribution in Osage City is on the 3rd Thursday of each month at 10am. Stay in your car and line up at the football-track parking lot. The 3rd Fridays are at Lyndon at noon. Line up in the Jones Park/Help House parking lot. Volunteers will not place items inside your car if you bring

a dog. Be sure to check drive-thru calendar for changes. <https://www.harvesters.org/drive-thru-food-pickup-calendars>

Food Pantries

Americus pantry is located at Americus UMC.

Lebo pantry located in the back of the 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. Check Shopper or internet for days and hours open.

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



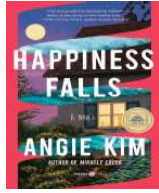
Barbara's Book Club



We will meet on Friday, February 7th at 11:30am for book discussion at Palerno's Italian Restaurant in Emporia. We will be discussing "Happiness Falls" by Angie Kim. New members are Welcome! Questions, please contact Malonne Davies at (620)794-4324.

"We didn't call the police right away." Those are the first words of this extraordinary novel about a biracial Korean-American family in Virginia whose lives are upended when their beloved father and husband goes missing. Mia, the irreverent, hyperanalytical twenty-year-old

daughter, has an explanation for everything--which is why she isn't initially concerned when her father and younger brother Eugene don't return from a walk in a nearby park. They must have lost their phone. Or stopped for an errand somewhere. But by the time Mia's brother runs through the front door bloody and alone, it becomes clear that the father in this tight-knit family is missing and the only witness is Eugene, who has the rare genetic condition Angelman syndrome and cannot speak.



What follows is both a ticking-clock investigation into the whereabouts of a father and an emotionally rich portrait of a family whose most personal secrets just may be at the heart of his disappearance. Full of shocking twists and fascinating questions of love, language, race, and human connection, Happiness Falls is a mystery, a family drama, and a novel of profound philosophical inquiry. With all the powerful storytelling she brought to her award-winning debut Miracle Creek, Angie Kim turns the missing person story into something wholly original, creating an indelible tale of a family who must go to remarkable lengths to truly understand one another.

NLC PTO

The PTO is a group of parents that helps to provide special programs and events for our children. 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:

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

USD 251

USD 251 NORTH LYON COUNTY- FARM TO PLATE PROGRAM. USD 251 Food Service would love to continue offering local homegrown, locally raised beef & pork in our cafeterias. Did you know that you can help by donating an animal to be processed to our food service program?

Who: Farmers, Ranchers & Community Members

What: Donate a beef or hog to the Farm to Plate Program! You will need to notify the district & arrange an appointment for drop off of the animal at Allen Meat Processing. The school has the animal processed to meet their needs and will pay the processing fee.

Where: After the meat is processed, it is picked up by the school. It is incorporated into our menus & served to our students.

Why: Your donation will help USD 251 serve better

quality meals to our students at an affordable cost to the district. You receive documentation to verify your donation and can in turn use this as a tax write off.

How: For more information, contact Stacie at the District Office (620)481-2085.

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/>.

Crafters/Quilters

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

Performance Sports

Winter Throws Academy 2025 registration is open now. Sessions are filling fast. Check our website for more information on our winter sessions! 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 Wednesdays of each month. Join us, visit, make new friends, and enjoy the fellowship. Pictured below Rhylee Venters, Crue and Caden Jackson.

Reading 4-H

The Reading 4-H Club had an exchange meeting with Rinker 4-H Club on January 20th at 7pm at the extension office in Emporia. We watched a demo from the Blustem Swingers Square Dancing Club. We then got to join in and take our turn at square dancing. It is so much fun that a few of us signed up to do it for Club days.

We brought cookies to share and Rinker brought punch. We all had so much fun getting to know each other and trying our hand at square dancing.

Club days sign up is due by February 1st. Beef tagging and weigh in is also the 1st of February from 8-10am.

Our next meeting will be Wednesday February 12th at 6:45pm at The Miracle Cafe. Lincoln Senft, Reporting



Members of the Bluestem Swingers and the Reading 4H Club

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.

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

The Miracle Cafe

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



Starts in January
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

- 7th-Smoked Meatloaf
- 14th-KC Strips
- 21st-Pulled Pork
- 28th-Smoked Brisket

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

Thank you for your continued support!
Gene and Reta Jackson

Reading Lions' Club

January meeting was canceled due to the weather. Next Lions' Club meeting will be on Monday, February 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 at a meeting and learn what Lions' Club is all about! Guests are always welcome, Rosalie Voorhees.



Robert Glenn Roller
07/ 18/1951 — 01/21,/2025
Hartford, Kansas

Robert Glenn Roller, born on July 18, 1951, in Kansas, passed away peacefully at his home in Hartford, Kansas, on January 21, 2025, at the age of 73. Robert led a life filled with hard work, dedication, and the love of family and friends.

For years, Robert was an integral part of the Cargill Flour Mill in Topeka, where he contributed significantly amid a supportive work environment. Prior to this role, he worked diligently as a farm hand for Evans Livestock & Feed for eight years. His career also included a position at Kan-build before he took on custodial roles at Life Care and the Coffey County Hospital in Burlington. After 15 years of dedicated service in these roles, Robert retired due to health concerns, leaving behind a legacy of commitment and reliability.

In his personal life, Robert experienced both love and loss. He was married to Jane Marshall on April 23, 1987; their partnership would later shift to friendship following their divorce in 2002. He found love again when he married Cindy Chesler on July 18, 2003. His marriage to Cindy brought him joy, but it was marked by sadness as she preceded him in death on September 25, 2020.

Robert's family was of utmost importance to him. He is survived by his former spouse and caregiver, Jane Jensen; his daughters, Ramona Wade of Osage City, Kansas, and Misty Harvey of Emporia; as well as his sons, James Wade of Greensboro, North Carolina, and Larry Kemmerer of Neosho Rapids. He shared a special bond with his sisters, Kay Trout of Overbrook, Kansas, and Nellie Miles of Topeka. Robert was a proud grandfather to Kathleen Smith, Jacob Wade, Jayden Kemmerer, Justice Kemmerer, and Shailee Herrera, and he cherished his role as a great-grandfather to six great-grandchildren. In addition to his immediate family, he leaves behind numerous extended family members and a community of friends who will miss him dearly.

Robert's journey was not without its hardships, as he was preceded in death by his wife, Cindy, his parents, and his infant brother, Johnny.

A Celebration of Life is scheduled for
Saturday, July 19, 2025,
at the Reading Community Building.

Where friends loved ones can gather to honor and remember Robert Glenn Roller. It is a come and go pot luck format from 10:00 A.M. until 5:00 P.M.

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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Fruit & Veggies for the month:
Oranges, Star Fruit, Calabaza Squash, Chayote Squash, & Bitter Melon.

Flower(s): Violet



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FFA Manhattan 9am
Wrestling-NHHS at Fredonia 9am
BB-NHHS-LCL Tournament

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| GRAMMY AWARDS World Wetlands Day GROUNDHOG DAY | Coffee Club 9:30-10:30am Sirens test NATIONAL WOMEN PHYSICIANS DAY | BB-NHHS vs Osage City 4:30pm WORLD CANCER DAY | FFA Paola 9am NLC Quiz Bowl at Olpe 1pm Womens Coffee Club 10am World Read Aloud Day WEATHERPERSON'S DAY SIGNING DAY National Girls and Women in Sports Day | Regional Scholars Bowl Wrestling-NHHS at Herington 4pm City Council 7pm Recycling Trailer DAY OF ZERO TOLERANCE FOR FEMALE GENITAL MUTILATION | Smoked Meatloaf Wrestling-NHHS at Circle 1pm BB-NHHS vs Mission Vly 4:30pm Queen of Courts Barbaras Book Club 11:30am Trash Pickup WEAR RED DAY | ACT Test Piano Regional Festival JV BB-NHHS Boys at Lyndon 9am Wrestling-NHHS at Circle 9am Winter Ball 8pm PGA AWARDS DGA AWARDS |

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| National FBLA/FCCLA Week NATIONAL PIZZA DAY SUPER BOWL | Coffee Club 9:30-10:30am Sirens test Wrestling-NLC Quad at SE Saline 4pm world pulses day | Wrestling-NHHS FHL Tournament 4pm SAFER INTERNET DAY INTERNATIONAL DAY OF WOMEN & GIRLS IN SCIENCE | NLC Quiz Bowl at Madison 1pm BOE meeting 6pm 4-H 6:45pm DARWIN DAY LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY | Crafters 1:30pm Miracle Cafe GALENTINE'S DAY Internet Friends Day NATIONAL CHEDDAR DAY WORLD RADIO DAY | KC Strips BB-NHHS at West Franklin 4:30pm Trash Pickup VALENTINE'S DAY | City Bills Due! State Scholar Bowl Wrestling-NHHS Girls Regionals National FBLA/FCCLA Week |

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| 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 |
| late fees added to unpaid city bills National FFA Week | No School Wrestling-NLC at West Franklin 4pm Lions 6:30pm Random Acts of Kindness Day PRESIDENT'S DAY | BB-NHHS at Herington 4:30pm NATIONAL DRINK WINE DAY | NLC Quiz Bowl at Burlingame 1pm Womens Coffee Club 10am | Shut off past due accounts Wrestling-NLC at Herington 4pm Harvesters Osage City 10am Recycling Trailer WORLD DAY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE NATIONAL LOVE YOUR PET DAY | Pulled Pork BB-NHHS vs Central Heights 4:45pm Senior Recognition Wrestling-NHHS Boys Regionals 4pm Noun Lyndon Harvesters Trash Pickup MOTHER LANGUAGE DAY | Info for Newsletter due 8am! Piano State Festival Wrestling-NHHS Boys Regionals National FFA Week NAACP IMAGE AWARDS NATIONAL MARGARITA DAY WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY |

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| 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 |
| Finished Newsletter Due SCREEN ACTORS GUILD AWARDS | Coffee Club 9:30-10:30am Sirens test Wrestling-NLC at Marion 4:30pm BB-Sub State Quarter Finals | ACT for Juniors Wrestling-NLC at Council Grove 3pm BB Sub-State Quarter Finals | FFA at Prairie View 9am Quiz Bowl at NLC 1pm | Wrestling-NHHS State at Hays Crafters 1:30pm Miracle Cafe | Smoked Brisket Donuts w/Dads at NLC 7:30am ACT Registration Due Wrestling-NHHS State at Hays Trash Pickup RARE DISEASE DAY National TOOTH FAIRY Day |

Reading KS FaceBook Page

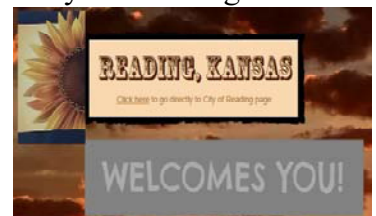
Send information for Newsletter/Website/FaceBook to Linda Woods:
ggmawoods@gmail.com
or Reading City Hall at cityofreading.ks@gmail.com



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

- ☾ 1st Quarter 5th
- ☽ Full Moon 12th
- ☾ Last Qtr 20th
- ☾ New Moon 27th

City of Reading Website



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