



On Wednesday July 15, 2020 at 6:45 the budget hearing for the City of Reading was called to order. Present for the meeting: Mayor Todd Hensley, council members; Bill Paige,

Heather Jones, Mary Ann Newton and Marc Atchison. Not present, Malonne Davies and Treasurer Joyce Wilson. Also present City Clerk Tonya Coppock and City Maintenance Manager Brian Knight. There were no community members that attended the hearing. The budget had no changes from the June review, so a motion was made to accept and passed to publish the 2021 Budget for the City of Reading.

The regular monthly meeting was called to order at 7p.m. All present for the hearing remained for the meeting. The minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed and accepted. Brian gave a report on the work being done to the sewer system and the gas services. The smoke test that was performed was quite helpful in locating some of the infiltration to the sewer system. Once those areas have been addressed there will probably be a second smoke test in the future. The issue of speeders in the city limits was also a topic of the meeting. Please pay attention as there are now new speed limit signs in town. There are also new Children at Play signs. Lots of families in our community and children and they do forget to look out for traffic when they are excited to be outside. Please be mindful of our young ones. The city will be publishing a new Grass and Weed ordinance so please be looking for it in the paper and on the website. Be safe and healthy!

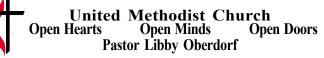
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We are here to help our community however we can. To be the hands and feet of God, to offer you help in whatever way we are able. We have our Blessing Box available for to help with needs and the Miracle Cafe has perishable items. If there Citizens State Bank and Trust Co. are other ways we can help you like delivering groceries please call me at Front lobby is 785-564-1977 and we will try to assist you. +Grace and Peace, Pastor Libby Bank hours are 9a.m.-Noon and 1-3p.m.all meeting time; Crafting Forum is not at this UMW will until fall. not have meetings any Please join us on our FaceBook page for online worship at 417 First Street, open by appointment only. (620) 412-3222 https://www.facebook.com/Reading-UMC-Kansas-330914027666931/

**Baptist Church** Rev. Lyle Williams

### The Miracle Cafe



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

7th-closed; 14th-Smoked Meatloaf; 21st-BBQ Ribs; and 28th-Mexican.

We will be closed Friday, August 7th and Saturday, August 8th so this Grandma may watch the Grandkids show their animals at the Fair. The Cafe will again be open on Wednesday evenings during the Fall 2020 Hoops Skills Academy starting on Wednesday, August 19th and running through Wednesday, October 14th. Reta & Gene Jackson.

#### Library

Are you protecting yourself and others from the pandemic? Scientific data supports the wearing of masks when in public, and I trust that you are practicing social distancing as well as wearing a mask to protect yourself and others. I don't think any of us like them, but the sooner we overcome these recent surges, the sooner we may be able to get rid of them. Practice recommended safety measures!! I hope this isn't too preachy. I'm very concerned for myself as well as my family. It sounds like it is very painful and much longer lasting than originally thought even for those who do survive at any age. God help us all! Bette Eby



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open and it's business as usual! weekdays except Wednesday when we will stay open until 6p.m.

#### Head, Hands & Feet Salon

#### Lions Properties LLC-Performance Sports

Enrollment for our Fall Hoops Academy is happening now! Control of the meeting was turned over to Vice President Caden Jackson Please check www.performance-sports.net for fall enrollment. to present the program which was our club tour. Everyone discussed their

We have also decided with the current situation that the playground is offlimits and only for private use. We ask area youth to take advantage of the city park.



skills and ball handling!

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#### **Barbara's Book Club**

All meetings have been cancelled until September. Questions contact Margene Crane at 620-443-5875.



Reading 4-H

The Reading 4-H monthly meeting was called to order by President Spencer Fox on Wednesday, July 8, 2020 at the Reading city park and on Zoom. There were 17 members, 2 leaders and 6

guests present. Opening flag salutes and pledges were led by Hunter Senft. Roll call question was "what is your favorite ice cream flavor"?

Mckinley Senft read the minutes of the previous meeting, they were approved as read. Crue Jackson gave a Treasurer's report and Hunter Senft stated that the Report was sent to both the shopper and the city newsletter. Leader Heather Jones let us all know that there was no council meeting. Leaders Heather Jones and Tara Senft told us about the fair schedule and that the 15th is the last day to sign up for fair entries. It's through Blue Ribbon and

it's on the extension website. The fair schedule is also on that website.

to present the program which was our club tour. Everyone discussed their 4-H projects with the rest of the club. Tristan Price not only discussed his goat but brought him to the meeting. Kyson Jones discussed both his meat chickens and bucket calf. Spencer Fox talked about his pigs, arts and crafts, and various food items he will be making. Kyrsten Fox is taking swine and is in buymanship, visual arts, foods and nutrition. Titan Price also brought his goat and shared with us what his goat eats and how he has trained him. Hunter Senft discussed his small animal team, his rabbits and he is also in horticulture and floriculture. Lincoln Senft talked about all the baking he has been doing on his food team and about his rabbit Stark. Mckinley Senft showed some photography she has done and discussed visual arts and her rabbits. Caden Jackson talked about his meat goat and steer beef projects. Crue Jackson discussed his cooking and his meat goat and beef projects. Robert Jones talked about his foods and gardening. Rylee Ventors discussed her horse, beef, and goat projects as well as the cooking she has been doing. Kylee Barr joined us via Zoom and talked about her arts and crafts, dairy and swine projects.

Control of the meeting was given back to our president where it was moved and seconded to adjourn. The cooking team donated refreshments, store bought oreos and capri suns. It was great to see everyone from a 6 foot distance. Good luck Reading 4-H with your projects. Hunter Senft, Reporting

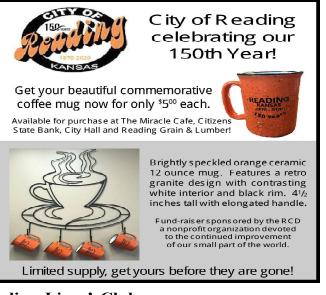
Next meeting will be Wednesday, August 12th, 6:45pm. Be looking for a text or a post on our Facebook page for location.



## RCD

RCD will not meet next month unless something comes up that we need to take care of. Reta Jackson

Member FaceBook page: https://www.facebook.com/groups/1419639924891025/



#### **Reading Lions' Club**



Lions Club meets Monday the 20th and will have the 4H Livestock Team, 4H Small Animal Team, 4H Foods Team and the Creative Gals Crafting Team as their guest to talk about their 4H Experiences this year.

We will meet next month on Monday, August 17th at 6:30 pm for meal and 7:00 for meeting. We also donated approx. 25 Lap quilts to the two rest homes in Osage City that were made for us by Betty Eby. Thanks so much Betty! Reta Jackson



## KINDERGARTEN JUMPSTART

USD 251, North Lyon County, is pleased to offer Kindergarten Jumpstart. Kindergarten Jumpstart is open to incoming USD 251 kindergarteners for the 2020-2021 school year. Kindergarten Jumpstart will focus around early literacy skills. Attention will also include building relationships and setting and reinforcing academic and nonacademic expectations and routines. Kindergarten Jumpstart will be held August 3-7 from 12:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m., Monday through Friday at NLC Elementary School. Please call the District Office by July 27, 2020 at 620-481-2085 or email Becky Mayes at mayesb@usd251.org to enroll your kindergarten for Kindergarten Jumpstart.

#### USD 251 PRESCHOOL TUITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

USD 251 is pleased to offer preschool tuition assistance to families in the North Lyon County school district whose children attend a qualified preschool. Preschool tuition assistance is made possible through the Mobilizing Literacy Grant and our efforts to increase the number of children who are Kindergarten Ready. The Kansas State Department of Education defines Kindergarten Readiness as: "Early childhood experiences, birth to kindergarten entry, that ensure health and physical well-being and the development of cognitive, communication and social-emotional skills necessary for school success and have a direct influence on future success...." Please call the USD 251 District Office (620-481-2085) if your child is attending preschool, or if you would like to discuss preschool options in the surrounding areas. We want to discuss the USD 251 Preschool Tuition Assistance with you! Kindergarten Jumpstart will be held August 3-7 from 12:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m., Monday through Friday at NLC Elementary School. Please call the District Office by July 27, 2020 at 620-481-2085 or email Becky Mayes at mayesb@usd251.org to enroll your kindergartner for Kindergarten Jumpstart.

#### NLC SUMMER SCHOOL

July 27-August 7, 2020 8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. For qualifying students

Superintendent, Robert Blair, NHHS Principal, Peggy Fort, and Corey Wiltz Principal at NLC Elementary/Middle School.

#### ENROLLMENT

USD 251 Enrollment scheduled August 3 and 4th. Enrollment forms are available here to print and complete: <u>https://www.apptegy.net/login</u> Please follow these instructions.

#### **Enrollment Form Instructions**

A. Complete the "Enrollment 2020-2021" sign off sheet. One form must be completed for each student. This form is a summary of the following forms:

1. AUPKG-5 - Chromebook/Technology Policy for Grades KG-5

2. AUP 6-12 - Chromebook/Technology Policy for Grades 6-12

3. Internet Acceptable Use Agreement

4. KSHSAA Recommended Concussion & Head Injury Information Release Form

5. FERPA-Annual Notice of Authorized Student Data Disclosure

6. Permission Blank for Field Trips

7. Authorization to Photograph, Videotape, or Record Student

8. School Bus Regulations

9. Telephone Consumer Protection Act (TCPA) Opt-In Form

10. NLC Elementary Student/Parent/Teacher Compact B. Complete the "Consent for Treatment". One form per student.

C. Complete the "Emergency School Closing" and "Transportation Information". One form per household.

- D. Complete the "Drug Screen Waiver" if your student plans to participate in any activities.
- E. Complete the following forms as needed:
  - 1. Authorization for Prescription Medication
  - 2. Permission for Non-Prescription Medication
  - 3. Vehicle Registration Form
- F. NEW students please complete for following forms:
  - 1. Enrollment Form-NEW students
  - 2. Student Health History

Completed forms can be emailed or faxed to the school secretaries, or brought to enrollment. Fees can be paid online through your parent portal. NLC Elementary, Shannon Hall FAX (620)481-2054; PHONE (620)481-2086;

EMAIL halls@usd251.org

NHHS, Sandra Arens FAX (620)481-2028; PHONE (620)481-2087; EMAIL arenss@usd251.org

#### **IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

#### FREE/REDUCED MEAL APPLICATIONS

are available at the District Office. The process is confidential and information is not made public. Stop by the District Office at 614 Main Street in Americus. Summer hours are Monday – Thursday from 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. In order to have textbook fees waived for the current school year you must complete the "Consent for Disclosure" form and qualify for free meals.

#### **TEXTBOOK FEES**

Kindergarten-Grade 12 Textbook Fee - \$50.00

Technology Fee-\$35.00

Band Instrument Fee (monthly, if renting school instrument) - \$10.00

Grade 9 - 12 Art Fee (per class) \$15.00

FACS Fee (per consumable class) \$15.00

Vo-Ag Fee (mechanics, advanced mechanics and science, per class) \$15.00 Driver's Education Fee - \$85.00

#### SCHOOL HOURS

High School 7:50 a.m. - 3:10 p.m. Elementary and Middle School 8:10 a.m. - 3:35 p.m.

#### **BUS ROUTES**

Parents will be notified of bus route times as soon as possible following enrollment. Please make sure your correct address and phone number are listed on all forms.

#### ATHLETICS

Athletic Practices will start on August 17, 2020. All students who plan to participate in these activities must have a physical signed by a licensed physician and parent/guardian on file at the school before they may practice.

#### LUNCH AND BREAKFAST COST

BREAKFAST	Grades KG-8 - \$1.55 Grades 9 - 12 - \$1.70
	2nd Chance Breakfast (NHHS only) \$2.50
	Adult - \$2.50
LUNCH	Grades KG-5 - \$2.80 Grades 6-8 - \$2.90
	Grades 9-12 - \$3.00 Adult - \$3.85
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EXTRA MILK Per Carton 50 cents

#### NLC PTO

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#### NHHS Booster Club Notes

To be added to our email list, Nancy at nthompson1304@gmail.com. Questions: Stacie at (620)344-0825 or hortonfarms@tctwireless.net, Jana Smart (620)341-7144 or Kayla Burton (620)344-2570. OurFaceBook page: https://www.facebook.com/groups/1376711475893996/







The Reading City Council met on August 19, 2020 at 7 p.m. Present for the meeting; Mayor Todd Hensley, city council members: Bill Paige, Heather Jones, Mary Ann Newton,

and Malonne Davies. Not present, Marc Atchison. Also present, treasurer Joyce Wilson, city clerk Tonya Coppock, and city maintenance manager Brian Knight. The minutes were reviewed from the previous meeting and approved. The treasurer's report was reviewed by Joyce and accepted.

Brian has been busy this last month, a smoke test was done on the sewer system. Lots of repairs have been taking place and will continue to make the system more efficient. New speed limit signs are up in town and also children play signs. Please be aware that the speed limit is 20 mph. The city cannot stress this enough, there are plenty of children that are playing, so please be aware. Be looking for the new issue of Sallie magazine, as the city will be running an ad. There is also lots of wonderful information about our area in the magazine. Everyone please be safe and healthy. Next meeting will be on Wednesday, September 16th 7pm at city hall.

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#### City Wide Garage Sales

City wide garage sales will be Saturday, October 3rd from 7am-4pm. You can choose you own time. Please let me know if your interested and willing to set up Friday as well. People who are Reading township who live out side of the city limits can setup a stand on First Street if they clean area up after sale is over. Please watch for more information on the Reading Kansas FaceBook page and the Reading Kansas website. Jill Chenoweth



#### **Osage ECKAN**

People from Reading who need food assistance can get food once a month from ECKAN in Osage City. They also have some nice clothing for kids and adults. If necessary, you can arrange for someone from Reading to pickup food for you. Open Wednesdays, 1:00 -- 3:30 PM. ECKAN will be giving out dairy boxes on Tuesday, September 1st from 9:30-10:30AM.

Will post more information as it is received on the Reading Kansas FaceBook page and the Reading Kansas website. Addresses on page 4!



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Closed for Labor Day Weekend Saturday, September 5th and Monday, September 7th. Reta & Gene Jackson.

#### Library

COVID is the primary force in our lives right now, and the kids going back to school definitely is a scary situation. I pray the kids will stay safe this school

year and can fully enjoy the school experience. Stay safe with face masks **Reading Grain and Lumber** know we're all looking forward to things returning to normal. Bette Eby

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#### **Lions Properties LLC-Performance Sports**

We have adjusted our Wednesday night schedule just a bit. Wednesday and Sunday spots still available. The Miracle Cafe will be open on Wednesday nights until 8pm this Fall to feed parents while their kids are at the Hoops Academy. Open to all other patrons also during these extended hours. Plan to support The Miracle Cafe on Wednesday nights, starting the week of August 19th. Thank You to Reta and the Cafe for supporting Performance Sports and their parents and athletes!! The Boss kids are ready for some Cafe cooking!!!



and social distancing, and pray this COVID-19 situation goes away soon. I 121 Franklin; open Monday thought Friday 8am to 5pm, Saturdays 8am to 12pm, and closed on Sundays. Owners are Heather and Brent Jones, phone number is 699-3842.

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#### Barbara's **Barbara's Book Club**

Due to COVID-19 meeting as a group now has these CLUB 1.) No more than 10 people. limitations: We currently have 8 and we will not add more. 2.) Meetings will need to be outside 10 feet apart or using the ZOOM . Barbara's Book Club is on hiatus until further notice. **Ouestions** contact Margene Crane at 620-443-5875.

#### **Reading 4-H**

The monthly meeting of the Reading 4-H Club was held on August 12,2020 at The Miracle Cafe in Reading. Vice



President Caden Jackson called the meeting to order at 6:45pm. Opening exercises, flag salute, and pledges were lead by Justin Jackson. Roll call was "what was your favorite part of fair?" It was answered nine members, two leaders, and seven guests. by

The minutes were approved as read. The club received a thank you for our donation to the 4-H foundation. Crue Jackson gave the Treasures report and Hunter Senft said the reporters report was printed in the newsletter. There was no council meeting in August. Leader Tara Senft told the club how proud she was of everyone and their fair projects and what a great job they have done. Leader Heather Jones asked the club to be thinking of what offices they want to hold for next year; tell Leader Tara Senft your top 3 and she will put a slate of officers together. September meeting we will be voting for new officers.

Robert Jones moved to submit an ad in the shopper thanking the buyers of the 4- H auction, all extension agents, fair board, and surrounding businesses for their support;; it was seconded and passed. Robert Jones moved to pay a bill and was seconded by Kyrsten Fox. The program was working on record books. Record books are due by the end of September; a date will be set by next meeting. Refreshments were served after the meeting they were yummy popsicles! Next meeting will be Wednesday, September 9th, 6:45pm. Be looking for a text or a post for location. Hunter Senft Reporting

#### **Reading Lions' Club**

Lions club's District Governor Chris Bauer and his wife, Carol from the Humboldt Lions club attended our meeting to tell about his goals for clubs in his district this year.



Eugene and Reta Jackson received pins from Lions International for membership. Next meeting will be Monday, September 21st 6:30pm at The Miracle Cafe. Rosalie Voorhees



#### RCD

RCD met on Saturday, August 22nd at 11:30am at The Miracle Cafe to discuss the use of \$2,000 grant from Frontier Farm Credit Services. The grant was awarded under the category of Hunger and Nutrition. Keeping within guidelines of the grant it was decided to use it for food boxes during Christmas through the 4-H Donation of the Heart Project!

RCD will not meet unless we need to address something. Meetings will be posted to the RCD FaceBook page and the Reading Kansas website. Reta Jackson



# City of Reading celebrating our 150th Year!

Get your beautiful commemorative coffee mug now for only \$500 each.



Available for purchase at The Miracle Cafe, Citizens State Bank, City Hall and Reading Grain & Lumber!



Brightly speckled orange ceramic 12 ounce mug. Features a retro granite design with contrasting white interior and black rim.  $41/_2$  inches tall with elongated handle.

Fund-raiser spons ored by the RCD a nonprofit organization devoted to the continued improvement of our small part of the world.

Limited supply, get yours before they are gone!

#### USD 251

#### SUPERINTENDENT'S CORNER

It is with great anticipation that I write my first newsletter note for USD 251 North Lyon County. It is an incredible privilege for me to be joining and serving this great school district. I want to take a few lines to share how my background will shape my ability to best serve our school and students.

I have actually spent the past 30 years serving in small schools in both Missouri and Kansas as a teacher, coach, principal, and superintendent. My guiding question every day is, "How are we going to help every student today?" I have always worked collaboratively to build a positive school climate for the entire school family–students, parents, community, teachers, and staff. My guiding light is to ensure that students have a great learning experience in our schools.

As you know, school looked very different as we all ended the 2019-2020 school year. Although educators and families made the best of the difficult situation, we all recognize a need to look forward to something better. North Lyon's Continuous Learning Leadership Team has been working diligently throughout the month of June on advance planning as our district gears up for August and a return to school. Thanks to all of the staff that have volunteered and served on this team. All Kansas schools will receive additional guidance on beginning the 2020-2021 school year from the Kansas State Department of Education in mid- July. Some of these recommendations will likely be incorporated into our school's plan, if they are a good fit for our school district. We know there will be adjustments to what school looks like based on our response to the pandemic, but we are optimistic that we will have students and staff back in our buildings in August. In order to safely return to inperson instruction, there is much to be considered, and it will require a great deal of collaboration and feedback from our entire school family. I look forward to meeting our new challenges head-on and with the collective wisdom of the patrons of USD 251 North Lyon County.

Thank you for all you do to support our students at North Lyon County. I feel very blessed to be a part of the North Lyon County school family. Please do not hesitate to call or email anytime you have questions or concerns. Respectfully, Robert W. Blair

## NLC PTO

First meeting of the new school year will be on Tuesday, September 1st at 6pm at NLC Elementary School. Please join our FaceBook page: https://www.facebook.com/americus.nlc/.

#### NHHS Booster Club Notes

HEY WILDCAT BOOSTERS our first meeting of the school year is Tuesday August 25th at 6pm at the Americus City Park. Please bring your own chair and a mask if you wish! Join us to discuss plans to help our wildcat students (hopefully) have a successful school year! See you there! To be added to our email list, Nancy at nthompson1304@gmail.com. Questions: Stacie at (620)344-0825 or hortonfarms@tctwireless.net, Jana Smart (620)341-7144 or Kayla Burton (620)344-2570. OurFaceBook page: https://www.facebook.com/groups/1376711475893996/

#### KDWP

#### Harmful Algal Blooms Current Lake Advisories

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Brown SFL	BrownCounty	. Watch	
Camp Hawk Lake	Harvey County	. Watch	
Ford SFL			
Gathering Pond at Milford Lake	Geary County	. Warning	
Lovewell Reservoir	Jewell County	. Warning	
Marion County Lake			
Milford Lake Zone A	Geary County	. Warning	
Milford Lake Zone B			
Milford Lake Zone C	Geary County	. Warning	
Overbrook City Lake	Osage County	. Watch	
Plainville Township Lake	RooksCounty	. Watch	
South Lake	Johnson County	. Watch	
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The gas representatives took turns discussing with the council what their companies had to offer the city, and maybe how much money the city could save, and pass those savings on to the customers of Reading Gas Company. Brian discussed with council, the repairs that have been completed on the sewer system and what repairs still remained to be completed. Please contact Brian for all city utility concerns. Please do NOT contact council members for utility issues.

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#### **City Wide Garage Sales**

City wide garage sales will be Saturday, October 3rd from 7am-4pm. You can choose you own time. Please let me know if your interested and willing to set up Friday as well. People who are Reading township who live out side of the city limits can setup a stand on First Street if healthy. are left as they were found, clean... one person can ruin it for all!

> FaceBook page and the Reading Kansas website. Those that are having garage sales please respond to FaceBook posts by adding your address, days, and hours you will be open. Thank you. Jill Chenoweth

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#### Library

I hope the kids enjoy being back in school and experiencing a little more of our normal life. I trust that most classes at USD 251 are in-person. It appears this is best for everyone, but at the same time, I pray everyone is protecting themselves as well as their classmates and teachers by wearing masks and staying socially distant as much as possible. In-person classes will depend on how well everyone abides by the safety regulations so don't hesitate to remind the children to stay safe. I still have books for anyone to read so be sure to stop by 17 Vine and we'll find something you might like. We'll both wear our masks!!! Bette Eby

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The club voted to make posters and stick up around businesses in Reading to promote 4-H week. The club also voted to pick up

4-H"<sup>3</sup> of trash around the park for "48 hours

Co-Leader Heather Jones told the club she is stepping down as leader. The club gave her a parting gift and told her how much we appreciate her. Melissa Burnside told the club that she will be taking over for Heather.

Abigale Cook led us in the song 'Twinkle Twinkle Little Star'. The club voted to approve the slate of officers that was submitted by the Parent Committee. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 14th at 6:45pm. Hunter Senft Reporting



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# **Ride For Breanna ATV/UTV Poker Run** October 17th, 2020



\$20 each - Poker Play (Includes meal, ride, and poker play) \$10 each - Ride - No Poker Play (Includes meal and ride )

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Lunch provided by RFD after the ride.



**Reading Benifit Fire Department 102 Franklin** Reading, KS 66868

> Contact: Kevin Sorensen (620) 794 - 6799 Marc Atchison (620) 340 - 3555







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Joyce gave the treasurer's report, letting the council know that the amendment for the budget would be ready for review at the next meeting. The budget hearing taking place in December. Brian gave the maintenance report, he has spent a lot of time doing repairs to the sewer system. The majority of the repairs are now completed with more to be done still.

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Monthly minutes were approved as read. Tara Senft gave council report and leaders report. Abigail Cook lead us in the song "This land is your land". For our recreation Kyson Jones led us in a game of 'Telephone'. Kyson Jones gave a project talk about "How to wash your poultry". Lincoln Senft gave a project talk over his rabbit Stark. Officer training and Achievement banquet will be on Sunday, November 1st at 3pm and officer training at 4pm. Our next 4-H meeting will be Wednesday, November 11 at 6:45pm. Refreshments were provided by the Jackson family. Hunter Senft Reporting

#### USD 251

North Lyon County USD 251 Recognized in Kansans Can Star Recognition Program – submitted by Robert W. Blair Recently, North Lyon County USD 251 received notification from the Kansas State Department of Education (KSDE) congratulating them for awards through the Kansans Can Star Recognition program. At the September 9th USD 251 Board of Education Meeting, Dr. Randy Watson, Kansas Commissioner of Education, congratulated the Board of Education, staff, and students. According to Dr. Watson, USD 251 is only 1 of 40 out of a total of 347 accredited public and private schools in Kansas that were awarded all four awards. Dr. Watson challenged the school district to " continue to set the bar high for students." Watson indicated that two prior award recognition ceremonies for these top 40 school districts were canceled earlier this year due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

North Lyon County received a 2019 Postsecondary Effectiveness: Bronze Award; 2019 Graduation Rate: Bronze Award; 2019 Academically Prepared for Postsecondary Success: Copper Award; and the 2019 Commissioner's Award.

Five years ago, the KSDE launched its new vision for education – Kansas leads the world in the success of each student and identified key outcomes Kansans said they valued. These outcomes include social-emotional growth, kindergarten readiness, individual plan of study, civic engagement, high school graduation, and postsecondary success.

#### **Capital Outlay Projects Completed**

During the summer and fall of 2020, North Lyon County USD 251 has completed several capital outlay projects to maintain and improve the school facilities. Capital outlay funds are used to repair and maintain buildings and purchase equipment and furniture. Capital outlay funds provide benefits to schools for many years as facilities and equipment are maintained and updated when needed. The school district currently has a five-year capital outlay plan that was developed to address the highest priority needs. This summer and fall, the following capital outlay projects were completed or are currently in the process of completion: District-wide Upgrades

• Radio replacement-buses (in process)

NLC Elementary Upgrades

- Gymair conditioning/wall pads
- Hallway carpet replacement
- Epoxy gym lobby and restroom floors
- Chrome book replacement/promethean boards
- Culvert replacement/concrete repair
- Sidewalk repair
- Northern Heights High School Upgrades
  - Parking Lot resurface
  - New lockers in boys locker room
  - New stage padding
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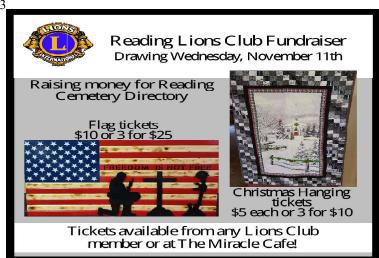
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We discussed different designs for a container to hold the cemetery directory at Reading cemetery. We are still selling raffle ticket on the flag and wall hanging to fund this project. Drawing will be Wednesday, November 11th. Tickets are available from any Lions' Club member or at the Miracle Cafe.

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#### **DEATH NOTICE: Daniel Ralph Shaw**

Hometown: Reading, KS Date of birth: February 21, 1965 Place of birth: Emporia, KS Date of death: September 10, 2020 City of death: Reading, KS

**Preceded in death by:** Mother, Donna LaRue Meierhoff-Shaw **Survived by:** Father, Keith Shaw, Reading, KS, Sisters: Margaret Ele, Waverly, KS; Melinda Baker (Thomas), Omaha, NE;

Children & Grandchildren

**Memorial contributions:** In lieu of flowers, please send donations to KSHFH (Kansas Hunters Feeding The Hungry www.kshfh.org and make a donation on behalf of the Daniel Shaw memorial. **Grade School:** Reading Grade School, Reading, KS **High School:** Northern Heights, Allen, KS

Secondary School: Flint Hills Area Vo-Tech School, Emporia, KS Occupation: Maintenance Supervisor, Miller Elevator, Miller, KS; Interests: Avid Hunter and Fisherman.

#### **READING - Virginia "Ginny" Graham**,

79, passed away Thursday, October 15, 2020 at Chase County Care and Rehabilitation Center in Cottonwood Falls. Virginia Van Fleet was born June 5, 1941 in El Dorado, Kansas, the daughter of Glenn Roy and Doris Louise (Rollings) Van Fleet. She graduated from Blackwell High School in Blackwell, Oklahoma. She was joined in marriage to Ellis "John" Graham, Jr. on February 1994 in Eureka 26, Springs, Arkansas. Ginny had worked as a licensed mental health technician in Topeka, Winfield and Wichita. She was a past board member of the Lyon County Women's Republican Club. She will be forever remembered by her daughter, Dawna Owens

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website. Reading 4-H had our monthly meeting at The Miracle Cafe on November 11th. The club voted to continue the Celebration of the Heart project, and will be collecting food for families this Holiday season. Collecting items such as canned goods, cereal, pancake mix, syrup, boxed meals, any nonperishable food item. The club will be collecting the items until Friday, December 18th. Collection boxes are at The Miracle Cafe, Citizens Bank, Reading Grain & Lumber and Reading City Hall. Cash donations may be made at Citizens Bank or The Miracle Cafe. Cash donations will be used to purchase perishable items. The club will be delivering the boxes to families in Reading starting the week of the 21st.

> We took two minutes to make paper airplanes, and then enjoyed seeing how far they would fly. Kerstyn Fox gave a project talk on stencils for crafting and Rhylee Venters talked about her steer Hershey. The Club will be ringing the Salvation Army bell at Bluestem in Emporia on Saturday, December 19th.

> The next monthly meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 9th. Hunter Senft Reporting



#### **USD 251**

November 19, 2020 Dear North Lyon County Parents & Community,

We would like to take a moment to thank the North Lyon County Community for all of the positive support this fall as our school district has navigated through this unprecedented time. The many words of support and encouragement for our students and staff have been greatly appreciated.

As you know, last week our school district experienced a significant number of staff and student absences as a result of the current health challenge. At one point, 24% of our teachers were absent and 17% of our students were absent. Our building principals have been very creative in covering classes for absent teachers. This week the absence rate of teachers and students has slightly improved. Our school district goal is continuing to keep students engaged in the in-person educational model to the greatest extent possible throughout the 2020-2021 school year. In the event that the community spread of the COVID-19 virus makes it impossible to provide enough staff, our school district has developed a contingency plan for remote learning as a last resort. Our district leadership team is continuing to revisit and modify the plan as conditions change. We don't anticipate having to implement this plan

to determine your level of Internet access so we can be prepared. In addition, our school district is beginning to compile a list of community volunteers to assist with staffing shortages in the future. If you are interested in being placed on a volunteer list, please contact the North Lyon County USD 251 District Office at 620-481-2085 for a volunteer application.

We also wanted to acknowledge a few things that are just around the corner for all of us, which includes colder weather, more time inside, and the onset of cold and flu season. Combining these factors with the current trend of rising COVID-19 positive cases across Kansas, we wanted to express the importance of continuing to put up the best defense to the virus – wash your hands often, avoid close contact staying at least 6 feet apart, cover coughs/sneezes, wear a mask, clean/disinfect surfaces frequently, monitor your health daily, and stay away from others when ill. Respectfully, Robert W. Blair, Superintendent

#### NLC PTO

Next NLC PTO meeting will be on Monday, January 11th. Please join our FaceBook page: https://www.facebook.com/americus.nlc/.

#### **NHHS Booster Club Notes**

Booster Club would like to thank Wildcat Nation for their support as we had to cancel our NHHS Booster Night Out and switched our Silent Auction to online through Facebook this year. The auction was a great success and we are very appreciative of the generous donations, bidding & those that purchased our items.

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#### **Reading Lions' Club**

Reading Lions Club would like to thank everyone for participating in our raffle. Kevin Sorensen won the Flag and Jim Jones won the wall hanging. Reading Lions club continues to look for ideas about the way to display the cemetery records at the cemetery.

We voted to participate in the Celebration of the Heart at Christmas time. We will host a zone meeting on Tuesday, December 15th. We voted not to have regular meeting in December. Rosalie Voorhees

#### RCD

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**December Friday Night Specials:** 4th-Smoked Meatloaf; 11th-Smothered Pork Chops; and 18th Smoked Brisket. Closed Friday, December 24th though Sunday, December 27th. Closed Friday, Jnauary 1st and Saturday, January 2nd. Thank you for your support, Gene & Reta Jackson

## You Choose Most Festive House!!

The Community is encouraged to vote for your favorite decorated house.

Don't be a Grinch, you still have time to transform your home into something even a Griswold would be proud of.

If you would like your display to be added to website, send pic to ggmawoods@gmail.com and please include the address.

We hope everyone places their top (3) three choices using our website at www.readingks.com on the Light up the Town\_ page starting on Sunday, December 6th. The final day to place a vote is set at 12am on Sunday, December 20th. One vote per household/email address no duplicates.

The top (3) three displays with the most votes will receive gift cards. 1st place \$50, 2nd place \$30, and 3rd place \$20. Let's Light Up The Town! nsored by the RCD



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## We Can't Help You If We Can't Find You

GPS is great, but it doesn't always work on country roa Your address sign is how emergency crews will find you



Think about your mailbox or house and how well it is marked in case EMS or Sheriff's Department needs to respond in an emergency or UPS and FedEx needs deliver а package! to







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#### City of Reading

called to order at 6:45 p.m. by Mayor Todd Hensley. The changes were reviewed as published and a motion made to accept the changes, the motion carried 4-0

At 7 p.m. the regular monthly city council meeting was called to order by Mayor Todd Hensley. Present were Council members Bill Paige, Malonne Davies, Mary Ann Newton, and Heather Jones. Not present, Marc Athcison. Also present, treasurer Joyce Wilson, city clerk Tonya Coppock, and city maintenance manager Brian Knight. The minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed and approved. The treasurer's report was also reviewed and approved. The Miracle Cafe's application for the CMB license was also reviewed and approved. The city has begun the process of changing all water meters to radio read meters. This has many positives for the community. The city received funding to carry out this project. The council discussed several options on virtual meetings if the need should arise to quarantine members of the council and also a safe way for the community to attend the virtual meetings to stay up to date on city happenings. Next meeting Wednesday, January 20th 7 p.m.

The City of Reading wishes everyone a very MERRY CHRISTMAS!!!

Please note: a notification concerning gas leaks and other important information has been included with your city bills. Please fill out bottom section and return to city hall along with your December city bills.

The R.V. park is always open and ready to enjoy. These sites have water, electricity and sewer for \$15.00 per day. Book your parties and reunions at the community building. Up to four hour rentals are \$40.00 over four is \$60.00. All requires a \$100.00 refundable deposit.

#### **Reading City contacts:**

Manger, Brian Knight (785)248-6624. Council members: Paige month. Stay in your car and line up at the Osage City High School (620)699-3370, Jones (620)340-2442, Davies (620)794-4324, Atchison (620)340-3555, and Newton (620)341-0235. City website: www.readingks.com City clerk email address: cityofreading.ks@gmail.com Hours: Mon, Tues, Thurs & Friday: 8:30am-12:30pm; Wed 7:30am-3:30pm.



#### **Celebrating 150 years**

On December 16, 2020 the Budget Amendment hearing was Reading KS 150Yr Celebration Member FaceBook page address: https://www.facebook.com/groups/227762398358879/

#### **United Methodist Church** Sunday Worship Service: online 9:15am **Open Hearts Open Minds Open Doors Pastor Libby Oberdorf**

Worship online with our recording link available through our Facebook page: Reading-UMC-Kansas at 9:30am or on YouTube on the Osage City United Methodist Church Channel. We are here to help our community however we can. To be the hands and feet of God, to offer you help in whatever way we are able. If there are other ways we can help you like delivering groceries please call me at 785-564-1977 and we will try to assist you. Pastor Libby

We have our Blessing Box available for help with needs and please check with the Miracle Cafe for perishable items. Any donation to the blessing box is greatly appreciated. Please consider adding items for school aged children for an after school snack. There seems to be a new trend, donations of everything needed to make a meal. What a blessing to a family in need. Thank you! Crafting Forum and UMW are not meeting at this time.



#### ECKAN and ECAT in Osage City

ECAT is the food pantry in Osage City, Osage ECKAN works with ECAT to send out information. Be sure to LIKE Osage ECKAN FaceBook page for posts from ECAT.

Mayor, Todd Hensley (620)699-3322; City Hall (620)699-3870; Maintenance Harvesters food distribution is at 10am on the 3rd Thursday of each football field parking lot. You will need to open your doors or trunk.

> People from Reading who need food assistance can get food once a month from ECAT. They also have some nice clothing. If necessary, you can arrange for someone from Reading to pickup food for you. Open Wednesdays, 1:00--3:30pm, (785) 528-8164. Will post more information as received on the Reading Kansas FaceBook page and the Reading Kansas website.

> For other services Osage County residents contact ECKAN in Osage City at (785) 528-584. Lyon County residents contact ECKAN in Emporia at (620) 642-4607. Or visit their website http://www.eckan.org/. at:

#### Library

Stay safe and have a merry Christmas and a happy New Year. Stop by the house and see what we can find for you. Bette Eby

#### **L-CAT County Public Bus Service**



**TO RIDE:** Call the L-Cat office to request a ride and the fares at least 24 hours before the desired

trip day to ensure a bus is there. Phone: 620-342-4207. this Christmas season. The Reading 4-H thanks you all for partnering with

#### Recycling

# Recycling trailer is parked in front of the school on Head, Hands & Feet Salon



#### Seniors

If interested in receiving meals, please call Friendship Center in Emporia at the (620) 340-8001. You may schedule to pick up a hot **Reading Grain and Lumber** 

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#### Reading 4-H

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#### 4-H Celebration of the Heart Project

Thank you to the RCD, Reading Lions Club, Reading Methodist Church, The Miracle Cafe and everyone who donated to our project this year! With your generous gifts we were able to provides food boxes for community families in need; gloves and gift cards for our senior citizens



us to make this year's community service project such a success!

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station. We will meet in January on Tuesday the 19th. And look for new service projects. Anyone is welcome to visit our meetings. Rosalie Voorhees

#### RCD

RCD used Grant Money from Frontier Farm Credit to help the 4-H with the Community Celebration of the Heart and we sponsored the lighting contest again this year.



We will not be meeting in January unless something comes up that needs to be taken care of. The RCD still has a supply of our beautiful 150th Year Celebration coffee mugs at The Miracle Cafe which would make a wonderful gift for your coffee/tea drinkers! RCD will not meet unless we need to address something. Meetings will be posted to FaceBook page and the website. Reta Jackson



#### City of Reading celebrating our 150th Year!

READING

Get your beautiful commemorative coffee mug now for only \$500 each.

Available for purchase at The Miracle Cafe, Citizens State Bank, City Hall and Reading Grain & Lumber!



# Brightly speckled orange ceramic 12 ounce mug. Features a retro granite design with contrasting white interior and black rim. $41/_2$ inches tall with elongated handle.

Fund-raiser spons ored by the RCD a nonprofit organization devoted to the continued improvement of our small part of the world.

Limited supply, get yours before they are gone!

Light up the Town Christmas Display Contest The contest is over and the votes are in, see our winners below! Winners may pick up their gift cards at The Miracle Cafe!







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The Jacksons would like to wish everyone a Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year. Lets hope that 2021 is a better year for all of us.



For sale by owner. 306 First Street, Reading. Recently totally renovated. New central heat and air, new gas and water lines, new guttering, new flooring throughout. Two bedrooms, plus sleeping porch, one bathroom. If interested call: 620-341-0979

> Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

