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Community of Reading Vision Statement: A renewed community built on Commitment, Faith, and Families. "Come grow with us!"



Public Square

The Public Square Steering Committee

"The committee agreed to disband the Communication Action Team which has completed its goals for the past year. The new community sign which originated from this team looks great and it's wonderful to see that idea come to fruition. One remote control will be kept at City Hall and the other will be at the school (or at the bank when school is not in session). The sign can be updated with any event which would be open to the whole community."

The Park Action Team continues its work and will very soon be looking for volunteers to assemble the first of two new playscapes for the park. The ballpark lights are installed and do a great job of lighting up the area. Convener Kevin Sorensen is thankful to all who contributed and continue to work on the park progress."

The Housing Action Team scheduled a meeting for July 19 and is planning to have a more active role. It is hoped that a visit to other towns' housing commissions can take place in the near future. The team is still looking for new members. The co-conveners are Debbie Garrison and Cindy Wilson. The first Habitat for Humanity Home is very near completion and ground work has begun on the second one."

The Business/Incubator Action Team - some ideas were shared on how to move forward. Convener Reta Jackson is planning a meeting of the full action team before the August Steering Committee meets again."

Much appreciation was expressed to all who helped create the June 23 Reading celebration which was very well received by everyone in attendance. An estimated 500 people enjoyed the food, music and fireworks which were tremendous. RCD purchased the meat and buns, Melanie Pritchard coordinated the music and the fireworks were purchased by Citizens State Bank and the City of Reading."

Reading has been the beneficiary of some recent clean up events provided by several volunteer groups. If there continues to be a need for volunteers for homes in the area, please contact one of the Steering Committee co-conveners, Monique Keith, 699-3006 or Marion Jones, 699-3471. The next meeting is set for 7 p.m., August 8, 2012 at the Baptist Church..



Reading Long Term Recovery Committee

One of the recent projects of the Reading Long Term Recovery committee has been the purchase of a "Benchmark" bench from the Van Go project in Lawrence, Ks. Each summer, Van Go pairs 20 apprentice-artists with local businesses and agencies to design custom art benches. After consulting with the clients, the apprentice-artists design, build, and paint a custom bench for public display. Reading will be the recipient of a beautiful Benchmark bench.

The Reading bench was designed and painted by apprentice-artist Bryan Clemons, a sophomore at Lawrence High School. The benches were unveiled on Friday, July 20 and is shown here with its creator. The title is "Rebuilding Reading - Small Town With a Lot of Heart." The bench will be brought back to Reading in the near future and be housed in City Hall until the new Community Building is erected.

If you have not yet met Steve Burnett, volunteer extraordinaire, then you must not be getting out much in Reading. Steve has been active in Reading since last summer and has brought hundreds of volunteers to town to assist with whatever projects need completed. He's taking a very well earned vacation at the end of July but will be back in Reading again early in August. Thank you Steve!

Reading Long Term Recovery chairperson, Mike Dorcey, will be presenting at the September City Council meeting.

United Methodist Church

Children's Sunday School: During Service

Adult Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.

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UM Women

The next meeting will be 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, September 12th.



Baptist Church

Bible Study: 9:30 a.m.

Worship Service: 10:30 a.m.

Rev. Lyle Williams

Voter Registration

If your physical address has changed due to the tornado and relocation of your home, you will need to reregister to vote.



We will have the information and, hopefully, forms available for you at Citizen's State Bank or The Miracle Cafe. Next election is the Primary election on Tuesday, August 7, 7am-7pm; polling place for Reading is at the Reading Elementary School.

City of Reading



July 5 council meeting was called to order by Mayor Sorensen. Council members present were Jenifer Hanneman, Billy Paige and Todd Hensley. Heather Jones and Ed Sapp were absent. City employees in attendance were Tom Corpening, Joyce Wilson and Marion Jones. Guests were Bruce Boettcher and Dan Hall of BG Consultants, Inc., and Mary Ann Newton, resident

City of Reading cont.

Dan Hall presented the revised community center plans. Several modifications were suggested. New plans will be brought before August city council meeting. It is hoped that bid letting can begin in August. Black & Veatch has been assisting with the dugout roof and new announcer stand. Many volunteers will be needed for the assembly of the playground equipment once that time is established.

The community sign is now live and looks great. Any community wide event may be advertised. When school starts up again, one of the remote control devices will be at the school. The bank will have access to the school remote control when school is not in session. The City Clerk is recovering from knee surgery. Next city council meeting will be at 7 p.m. August 2 at City Hall.

Reading City contacts: Mayor Sorensen 699-3300. City Hall 699-3870, Maintenance manager Tom Corpening 620-794-2556
Council members: Paige 699-3370, Hanneman 620-412-1639, Jones 620-340-2442, and Hensley/Sapp 699-3322.


Temporary office hours: Mon-Friday, 8:30-12:30. City clerk email address: reading_clerk@seamless.net; city website address is www.cityofreadingks.com.

Library News

Hope this weather breaks soon (though the weatherman doesn't give much hope) so the kids can get a little reading in this summer. Ladies, I do have lots of romance and historical novels if you need something to do during this warm season! I have many books for children from toddler to teen to help occupy their time in the house. Needless to say, it has been too warm to spend much time in the library, and I guess it's too hot for anyone to come visit also. Rosie Voorhees brought in some books this month, but that's nearly all the activity. Thanks, Rosie.



Citizens State Bank & Trust Co.

 Are you "swappin your ride?" Next time you are shopping for a different car, truck, or a piece of farm equipment, stop by and visit with Jaret Moyer to see if he can help with your credit needs. School calendars for USD #251 are available at several locations around town - we have a supply of them at the bank. Good luck to all area participants in the Lyon County Fair!!

Miracle Cafe

Come early and enjoy a delicious cinnamon roll and some coffee or join us for a home cooked lunch. Coffee Club each morning from 9:30 to 10:30... coffee for a quarter! Daily lunch specials: Monday - Home cooked Roast Beef, Tuesday - Fried Chicken, Wednesday - Chef's Choice, Thursday - Ham and Cheesy Potatoes, Friday - Taco and Burrito with Nacho Chips and Cheese. Hours are: Monday through Thursday 9-3:30, Friday 9-9, and Saturday 6-11 for breakfast only.

Friday night specials in August at the Miracle Cafe are: 3rd-Pulled Pork Sandwiches; 10th-Mexican; 17th-Fried Chicken; 24th-Grilled Steaks; 31st-Smoked Brisket.

WiFi Hot Spot Need to use a computer? Computer for public use in the green room at the Miracle Cafe.

KIDS ART in the CAFE

Kids Art Days are Wednesdays, the 1st, 8th, and the 15th. Kindergarten thru 2nd at 1 pm 3rd thru 8th at 2 pm. Call Barbara Schlobohm @ 699-3371 to enroll your child. This was made possible by a large donation from The United Way of the Flint Hills.



Reading 4-H

Kathy Barr and Melanie Pritchard have restarted up the

4H club; if interested in 4-H please contact one of these ladies.

Community Bridal Shower

A community bridal shower for Kendra White, fiance of Jeff Briggs, will be held at 3 p.m. on Sunday, August 12, 2012 at the Miracle Cafe, Reading. An October wedding is planned.

Reading Grain and Lumber, Inc.



Stop by to see our progress and talk with Brent about the variety of services we offer. Many thanks to the community and our customers for their continued patience during our rebuilding. Hours are: Monday through Friday 8-5 and Saturday 8-noon.

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Recycling

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Lyon County Fair

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 1

6:00 p.m. 4-H Rodeo - Grandstands

THURSDAY, AUGUST 2

5:00 p.m. Anderson Building closes
 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. All exhibits released from the Anderson Building
 6:00-10:00 p.m. Wrist-Band Night at the Carnival - \$20.00
 7:00 p.m. Antique Tractor Pull (free admission) - Grandstand
 8:00 p.m. State Fair Entries Due - Fair Office

FRIDAY, AUGUST 3

7:00 p.m. ATV Races - Grandstand

SATURDAY, AUGUST 4

6:00 p.m. Demolition Derby - Grandstand
 Last night for Carnival



USD #251 North Lyon County Enrollment

August 2nd

Elementary/Junior High
 Enrollment 1:00-8:00pm

NHHS Enrollment

Seniors 8:00am-12:00pm
 Juniors 1:00pm -4:00pm

August 3rd

Elementary/Junior High Enrollment
 8:00am-12:00pm

NHHS Enrollment

Sophomores 8:00am-12:00pm
 Freshman 1:00pm-4:00pm

Classes begin August 23rd



School Lunch Program Prices for 2012-13:

Breakfast

K-8 \$1.35

9-12 \$1.50

Adults \$3.40

Lunch

K-5 \$2.00

6-8 \$2.15

9-12 \$2.30

Adults \$3.40



Enrollment Fees

K-12 textbook rental \$40.00

Drivers Education Fee: \$75.00

FACS fee (per consumable class) \$10.00

Art (per class) \$10.00

High School Technology Fee \$20.00

Commercial Exhibits will be open Saturday, July 28 through Thursday, August 2 from 5:30-10:00 p.m.

Anderson Building open for public viewing:

Sat. 5:30-10:00 p.m. o Sun 1:00-10:00 p.m.

Mon. thru Wed. 10:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m.

and Thursday 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

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Reading bench with artist Bryan Clemons			1 Coffee Club 9:30-10:30am Kids Art Trash Pickup	2 Coffee Club 9:30-10:30am School Enrollment City Council 7pm Recycling Trailer	3 Miracle Friday Night Special Pulled Pork	4 Library 10-noon
5	6	7	8 Coffee Club 9:30-10:30am Kids Art Steering Committee meeting 7pm Trash Pickup	9	10 Sandwiches Miracle Friday Night Special Mexican	11 Library 10-noon
12 Bridal Shower 3pm	13	14 Primary Election 7am-7pm	15 Coffee Club 9:30-10:30am Kids Art Trash Pickup	16 Recycling Trailer at Reading	17 Miracle Friday Night Special Fried Chicken	18 Library 10-noon
19	20	21	22 Coffee Club 9:30-10:30am Trash Pickup	23 1st day of school	24 Miracle Friday Night Special Grilled Steaks Info for Newsletter due!	25 Library 10-noon
26	27	28	29 Coffee Club 9:30-10:30am Trash Pickup	30	31 Miracle Friday Night Special Smoked Brisket	

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The Steering Committee met on 8/8/12 at the Baptist Church. Many celebrations and a few concerns were shared.

Thanks to all who assisted with the playground equipment at the park. A group from Westar helped dig the holes for the bigger section. Heather Jones was able to enhance the new community sign to make it more legible. Individuals are checking to see if there is a need to increase the scope of Reading's food pantry. Reports were heard from each of the Action Teams. Plans for the community building are coming along. The Housing Action Team met and divided tasks between its members. The Business/Incubator team is working on securing a page in the next Emporia Visitors' Guide for 2013. The next meeting is scheduled for 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, September 11, 2012 at the Miracle Café to be followed by the RCD meeting at 7:30 p.m.

United Methodist Church

Children's Sunday School: During Service

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Reading United Methodist Women

The next meeting will be 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, September 12 at the church basement. Recently we purchased all of the school supplies for Reading so that every student at Reading grade school will have adequate school supplies for 2012-13. This was made possible from the proceeds received from our various fund-raiser meals throughout the year as well as a contribution from the Admire Men's Group. Thanks to all of you who assisted with this endeavor.



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Bible Study: 9:30 a.m.

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City of Reading



The Reading City 2013 Budget Hearing meeting was called to order by council president Paige. Others in attendance were Mayor Sorensen, council members Hanneman, Hensley, Jones, Sapp.

City employees in attendance were Tom Corpening, Joyce Wilson and Marion Jones. The proposed 2013 City Budget was published in the Emporia Gazette 7/19/12. Figures were discussed and the 2013 budget was approved. The City Council meeting was called order at 7:20 p.m. Guests were Rosalie Voorhees, resident, Dan Hall of BG Consultants, Inc., and Bill Maness, representative of Senator Moran's office.

It was noted that the City of Lawrence had donated the scoreboard to the city. Bill Maness was recognized by the council. He indicated the senator is still following up on the return of a post office to Reading but there is nothing new to report. Dan Hall shared the latest drawings for the community building. There was much discussion about bid letting and contractor notification.

Thanks to all who helped with the assembly of the new playscapes at the park and to the Jones Foundation for the donation of the funds. Work should begin in the near future on some of the city streets damaged in the tornado. Prior Veterans'

City of Reading cont.

Memorial flags were donated by the VFW and Warren Voorhees. Future flags will be purchased by the city. Meeting adjourned at 10:02 p.m. The next council meeting will be at 7 p.m. Thursday, September 6, 2012. Reading Long Term Recovery Chairperson Mike Dorcey will be on the agenda. Recently, community members of Reading have received weather radios courtesy of the Rotary Club of Emporia. If you didn't get one but would like to, please contact City Hall to get your name on the list. Likewise, if you didn't get your name on the list for free trees, you can still do so by calling City Hall.

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Best wishes to all the students as school starts again. If there is anything I might have in the library to help with reports or research, do not hesitate to ask. Even though I have eliminated some of the books from the library, I still have many that could be helpful for history, geography and even occupations of nearly any variety. Don't hesitate to stop by and ask if I can help.

RCD

Next meeting of The Reading Community Development will be Tuesday, September 11, 2012 at the Miracle Café.



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We'd like to mention a few of the services offered that perhaps our customers are not aware of...Electronic transactions (know as ACH's) can be originated to make your loan payment at a different bank, send a steady, recurring transfer to a savings account or checking account at a different bank, and so forth. No checks to write and it will always be done on time! The flip side is that we can accept ACH's, like if your insurance company wanted to collect your insurance payment by sending it to your account here at The Citizens State Bank, or the phone company or cable company could set it up to make your monthly payment. Funds can also be wired to another bank for a small fee, or we can receive a wire transfer into your account. This type of transaction is normally completed within an hour. Other bank services include faxing documents, copy machine, and safe deposit boxes. After the experience of the tornado in 2011, many Reading residents were grateful to have their important documents in the bank vault. Small boxes are \$18.00 per year and larger ones are \$35.00 per year.

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Kenmore Dishwasher (old, but works)
Estate Electric Dryer (may not work)
Frigidaire Electric Range (may not work)
Lennox Furnace with 75' of 6" duct
Warm Morning Gas Heater
GE Refrigerator/Top Freezer w/ice maker (old, but works)
Four (4) Television Sets (different sizes - most work)

City-wide Garage Sale

City-wide garage sale on Saturday, September 8th. For more information please contact Melissa Siler.

To forward cards and letters to Donna Hanks:
Nebraska Medical Center, Room 8826,
42nd & Dewey
Omaha, NE 68198

Our thoughts and prayers are with Laura Velzaquez and her family as she battles cancer.. Her children are busy painting, cleaning, hanging trim and pictures at home; if you would like to help please call Brian.

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2	3 No School Labor Day	4 NHHS Site Based Council VB-Herington at NHHS 5pm JV/FB-West Franklin at NHHS 6pm	5 Coffee Club 9:30-10:30am DCC Meeting NLC Site Based Council 5:30pm Trash Pickup	6 VB-Mission Vly at NLC 4:30pm FB-Mission Vly at NLC 6:30pm City Council 7pm Recycling Trailer	7 NLC Pictures NHHS Tailgate Party 5:30pm FB-Council Grove at NHHS 7pm	8 Citywide Garage Sale ACT Test VB-NHHS at Lyndon Tournament 9am CC-NHHS at Wamego 10am Library 10-noon
9	10 PDC Meeting JV/FB-NHHS at Council Grove 6pm School Board Meeting 7pm	11 VB-NHHS at Chase County 5pm Steering Committee Meeting 6:30pm RCD 7:30pm	12 Coffee Club 9:30-10:30am After School Teacher Inservice 4pm UMW 6:30pm Trash Pickup	13 CC-NHHS at The Orchard 4pm VB-NLC at Osage City 4:30pm FB-NLC at Osage City 6:30pm	14 FB-NHHS at Mission Vly 7pm	15 Library 10-noon
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Council members in attendance were Jenifer Hanneman, Todd Hensley, Heather Jones, Bill Paige and Ed Sapp. City employees in attendance were Joyce Wilson and Marion Jones. Guests were: Reading Long Term Recovery Committee chairperson Mike Dorcey, Bruce Boettcher and Dan Hall of BG Consultants, Inc., and three residents.

Mike Dorcey announced that the final meeting of the Reading Long Term Recovery committee is set for 6 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 13 at the Miracle Café and all council members and spouses are invited. The committee first met on June 20, 2011 and has met regularly since then. Steve Burnett of United Methodist Kansas East Conference Disaster Relief provided a critical role in getting the various funders on board. Hundreds of volunteers had provided over 9,000 hours of volunteer labor providing a variety of tasks which saved the city over \$150,000. The committee has dispensed funds of approximately \$250,000 from funders who sat on the committee. The McCarthy group auction raised around \$60,000 which provided seed money for the two Habitat for Humanity homes. The committee also assisted the Kansas Rehabilitation Housing Grant administrator in identifying households eligible for the approved \$250,000 grant to repair homes in Reading. Much appreciation was expressed by the Council to Mike and the committee for all of their efforts and especially to Steve Burnett for his work on behalf of the Reading community.

Questions from attending residents in regard to Community Building costs, meter readings, property taxes, and culvert repairs were addressed by the mayor. Advertisements for the Community Building bids will be made in the near future with bids to be opened and read at 10 a.m. on Thursday, October 4. These will be enacted upon at the next City Council meeting at 7 p.m. October 4.

The community sign is up and running thanks to Heather Jones for her diligence in getting it set correctly. The temperature gauge is still inaccurate and should be updated corrected soon. Landscaping around the sign was discussed. Additional playground installation continues at the park and much appreciation is due to the families of Todd Hensley, as well Eugene and Lucus Senft.

The city will list both the RV spots as well as the Community Building in the 2013 Emporia Visitors Guide. The roll off dumpster was discussed and it was decided to leave it in place for at least one more month. Recent bids for the water tower partial repainting and rod tightening were discussed as well as the necessary repairs needed to the backhoe. The tree project delivery and distribution dates were discussed. Council meeting adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

City Clerk, Carol Ann Higgins, has returned to work after knee surgery recovery. Work began on city street repair on September 13.

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Fall Turkey Hunting Season

This fall's wild turkey hunting season is from October 1st until November 27th.

Public Square

The Reading Steering Committee met at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, September 11. A report was presented from the Park/Community Building Action Team. There were no reports from the Housing or Business/Incubator Action Team. Much appreciation was expressed to Steve Burnett who continues to coordinate volunteer work in Reading. Work on the second Habitat for Humanity home is going well. It is hoped the residents can move back in by Christmas. There was much discussion about the Reading Truck Pull on October 6. At least two members are planning to attend the Public Square annual meeting Nov. 9-10, in McPherson. The next meeting is set for 6 p.m. October 9, 2012 at the Miracle Café.



United Methodist Church


Children's Sunday School: During Service

Adult Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.

Sunday Worship Service: 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Reading United Methodist Women

The women of the church met September 12 and shared a good meeting on immigration and how we treat those termed as "illegals" in our society. We will meet again at 6:30 Wednesday, October 10 at the church basement. All community women are invited to attend.

Save the date - Wednesday, Nov. 14 will be our annual Community Women's Guest Supper. More details to follow next month. 




Baptist Church

Bible Study: 9:30 a.m.

Worship Service: 10:30 a.m.

Rev. Lyle Williams

Library News

Again, not much activity in September. Robin Humphreys and Stephanie Smith brought children's books as did Shane and Shana Bowers. Thank you very much. 

We should be thankful the heat has let up, and that we've gotten a little rain. It has helped my tomatoes. I was also glad to hear Laura Velasquez is home, and I trust Donna Hanks is improving. Prayers and best wishes to both. Hope to see everyone soon at the library. Bette Eby

Miracle Cafe

October Friday Night Specials: 5th Pulled Pork Sandwiches; 12th Smoked Brisket; 19th Mexican- Taco, Burrito, Chips & Queso, Enchiladas, Refried Beans, Spanish Rice- choice of 4 comes with Salad Bar & Coffee or Tea; also 26th Grilled Steaks- Fright Night Friday: Come in Costume and get a Free piece of Pie the 31st, Halloween!

We will be providing the kids meal before the Trunk or Treating. Serving from 5-6:30pm hot dog, chips, and drink on the front porch.

Looking for somewhere for Family Gatherings, Staff Parties, Wedding Rehearsals, Bridal showers, Baby showers, Birthday Parties or just somewhere for fun? Look no further. The Miracle Cafe would like to offer you our services to celebrate. Our entrees, appetizers, salads and desserts are country kitchen fresh because we use local foods whenever possible. Wine coolers and beer are

Miracle Cafe cont.

available through the cafe. We can cater to your location, or you can use our welcoming new home. The main room will seat up to 75, with the Green Room seating 40 comfortably. We even have a large open porch with picnic table seating for 32! What will it be? You make the decision- afternoon tea, brunch, light meal, full meal, appetizers, desserts, your choice--than call to schedule your date. We are anxious to help you with any of your celebrations. Pies \$13.00 and Cinnamon Rolls 1 dozen \$22.00 to order. Thank you for your continued support and patronage. Reading has the greatest people ever!!!

Come early and enjoy a delicious cinnamon roll and some coffee or join us for a home cooked lunch. Coffee Club each morning from 9:30 to 10:30... coffee for a quarter! Daily lunch specials: Monday - Home cooked Roast Beef, Tuesday - Fried Chicken, Wednesday - Chef's Choice, Thursday - Ham and Cheesy Potatoes, Friday - Taco and Burrito with Nacho Chips and Cheese. Hours are: Monday through Thursday 9-3:30, Friday 9-9, and Saturday 6-11 for breakfast only.

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Trunk and Treat



Rhonda Sapp is organizing our 2nd Annual Halloween Celebration and 'Trunk and Treat'. Lots of games before and during the kids dinner at the Cafe; witch hat ring toss, trick or treat bean bag toss, kids costume contest at 6:30pm.

Come to First Street on Halloween night, park your car and hand out treats from the trunk of your car after the costume contest!

Citizens State Bank & Trust Co.



If you have not been to the bank yet, please stop by and see if we have any services that you can use. It is a full service bank offering checking accounts, savings accounts, certificates of deposits, Christmas Club savings, IRA's, HSA's, safe deposit boxes, real estate loans, consumer loans, agricultural loans, notary public, fax machine, wire transfers, ACH's, and direct deposits. We welcome all new Reading customers.



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Recycling



The recycling trailer from Lyon County is parked in front of the school on the first and third Thursday of each 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.

Girl Scouts



Girl Scouts
Where Girls Grow Strong

Troop #30255 ended the summer with a pizza party and roller skating at Rollers in Emporia. Several girls plan on roughing it at the Mother-Daughter Campout held at Camp Wood later this month. Activities for the weekend include a late night flashlight hike, roasting smores, arts and crafts, and lots of singing. We have 14 girls in our troop this year and Misty DeDonder has joined as a leader. We will be meeting every other Wednesday after school at the Methodist Church here in town. If any area girls are interested in joining our troop, contact Heather Jones.

Locks of Love

On August 15th, Aurallee and Aurora Pritchard went to Penny's in Emporia for their before school starts haircuts. Aurallee donated 20 inches and Aurara donated 10 inches of their beautiful locks to the Locks of Love program. Hat's off to these two girls for their wonderful donations!



Reading School

PLANT THE SEEDS FOR A YEAR OF SUCCESS

Reading School's theme this year is "USD 251-Where Great Minds Grow". We will take a trip through the garden of education while building our children's learning. Each month Reading School is focusing on a new character trait. In October, the trait is Respect- showing consideration and appreciation and avoiding violation of others; honoring people and caring about their rights. The color for the month is orange.



PARENT/TEACHER/CONFERENCES

The end of the first nine weeks is October 12. Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held October 18 from 1:00-8:00 p.m. There will be no morning conferences this year. There will be no school on Oct. 18 or Oct. 19. Notes will be sent home with your students soon asking for your general time preference on the afternoon/evening of October 18.





Fall Festival and Halloween Parties

Our annual Fall Festival and Halloween party will be held on October 31. Children should bring their costumes to school (not wear them) and they will have a time in the afternoon to dress in their costume. After enjoying the Fall Festival Theme Day, we will have a Halloween parade down Main Street at 2:30 p.m. followed by class parties. Parents are welcome to attend.

RED RIBBON WEEK

North Lyon County schools will join thousands of schools celebrating Red Ribbon Week, the nation's most important antidrug event. Red Ribbon Week will be Oct. 22 through 26, 2012, in over 10,000 American schools. Students, teachers, and patrons will take the opportunity to spread the drug free message to all people.

Here are some ways parents can help their child stay on the road to success by being drug free.

-  Explain to your child there are many things to look forward to, both today and in the future. There are many choices to make, and being drug free makes it easier to choose wisely.
-  Review the facts about drug use and abuse with your child. Discuss your family's values about drugs and obeying the law.
-  Encourage your child to take responsibility for saying "NO" to drugs and "YES" to healthy fun activities.
-  Set an example for your child by maintaining healthy habits in your everyday life by serving as a role model.

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Foods that Are Dangerous for My Pet

A number of human foods are dangerous to pets. Many of these foods may seem tasty to our pets but can prove deadly if eaten. It can be very tempting to offer pets food from the table, but pets should not be given human food unless recommended by your veterinarian. If you suspect your pet may have eaten a dangerous food, contact your veterinarian immediately. In many cases, early recognition and treatment are critical.

Xylitol is an artificial sweetener found in products such as gum, candy, mints, toothpaste, and mouthwash. Xylitol is harmful to dogs because it causes a sudden release of insulin in the body that leads to hypoglycemia (low blood sugar). Xylitol can also cause liver damage in dogs. Within 30 minutes after eating, the dog may vomit, be lethargic (tired), and/or be uncoordinated. However, some signs of toxicity can also be delayed for hours or even for a few days. Xylitol toxicity in dogs can be fatal if untreated. It is unknown whether xylitol is toxic to cats.

Chocolate contains theobromine, a chemical that is toxic to dogs in large enough quantities. Chocolate also contains caffeine, which is found in coffee, tea, and certain soft drinks. Different types of chocolate contain different amounts of theobromine and caffeine. For example, dark chocolate and baking chocolate contain more of these compounds than milk chocolate does, so a dog would need to eat more milk chocolate in order to become ill. However, even a few ounces of chocolate can be enough to cause illness in a small dog, so no amount or type of chocolate should be considered "safe" for a dog to eat. Chocolate toxicity can cause vomiting, diarrhea, rapid or irregular heart rate, restlessness, muscle tremors, and seizures. Death can occur within 24 hours of ingestion.

Grapes and raisins can cause acute (sudden) kidney failure in cats and dogs. It is unknown what the toxic agent is in these fruits. However, clinical signs can occur within 24 hours of eating and include vomiting, diarrhea, and lethargy (tiredness). Other signs of illness relate to the eventual shutdown of kidney functioning.

The avocado tree leaves, pits, fruit, and plant bark are likely all toxic. Clinical signs in dogs and cats include vomiting and diarrhea.

Garlic and onions contain chemicals that damage red blood cells in cats and dogs. Affected red blood cells can rupture or lose their ability to carry oxygen effectively. Cooking these foods does not reduce their potential toxicity. Fresh, cooked, and/or powdered garlic and/or onions are commonly found in baby food, which is sometimes given to animals when they are sick, so be sure to read food labels carefully.

Macadamia nuts are common in candies and chocolates. The mechanism of macadamia nut toxicity is not well understood, but clinical signs in dogs include depression, weakness, vomiting, tremors, joint pain, and pale gums. Clinical signs can occur within 12 hours after eating. In some cases, signs can resolve without treatment in 24 to 48 hours, but patient monitoring is strongly recommended.

Many cases of human food toxicity in pets are accidental. A pet may find and chew on a package of gum or candy, or steal food from a countertop or table. The best way to prevent this is to keep all food items in closed cabinets or in areas that are inaccessible to pets. This may be particularly difficult during the holiday season, when more candy, chocolate, fruit baskets, and other food items are around. During these times, increased vigilance can help prevent pets from finding and eating dangerous foods.

Unfortunately, some cases of food toxicity in pets occur when pets are given a human food that contains a dangerous component. In general, human food items should not be given to pets unless recommended by your veterinarian. Children should also be taught to never give candy, gum, or other human food items to pets. For more information on human foods that are dangerous for pets, visit the ASPCA (American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals) Animal Poison Control Center. If you suspect that your pet has eaten a potentially hazardous item, contact your veterinarian immediately.

October 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 NHHS Site Based Council Reading Site Based Council 6pm/PTO 6:30pm JV/FB NHHS at Onaga	2 VB-NHHS at Council Grove 5pm	3 Coffee Club 9:30-10:30am Trash Pickup	4 City Council 7pm Reading Picture Retakes CC-NHHS at Osage 4pm VB-Council Grove at NLC 4:30pm/FB 6:30pm Recycling Trailer	5 Pulled Pork Sandwiches Americus Picture Retakes FB-NHHS at Chase County 7pm	6 VB-NHHS at Council Grove Tournament 9am Library 10-noon
7	8 Tues.- Coffee in JV/FB Chase County at NHHS 6pm School Board Meeting 7pm Columbus Day	9 Americus 10am Public Square 6pm Senior Recognition VB-Osage City at NHHS 5pm Americus PTO 7pm	10 Coffee Club 9:30-10:30am Anti Bullying Awareness Week UMW 6:30pm DCC Meeting NLC Site Based Council 5:30pm Trash Pickup	11 CC-FHL at Mission Vly 4pm VB-Herington at NLC 4:30pm /FB 6:30pm	12 Smoked Brisket End of 1st 9 weeks Jr High Band Night 7pm FB-Wabaunsee at NHHS 7pm	13 FHJL VB Tournament at Council Grove 9am VB-FHL Tournament at West Franklin 9am Library 10-noon
14	15 JB/FB-NHHS at Wabaunsee 6pm	16 PSAT VB-NHHS & Herington at Hope 5pm Boss's Day	17 Coffee Club 9:30-10:30am District Bus Driver Meeting 9am Bus Driver Appreciation Day Trash Pickup	18 NO SCHOOL 1/2 Day Teacher Work Day Parent Teacher Conference 1-8pm Recycling Trailer	19 NO SCHOOL CC-Regionals FB-NHHS at Herington 7pm	20 VB-Sub State Library 10-noon
21	22 JV/FB Herington at NHHS 6pm School Board Meeting 7pm	23 NLC at ESU Vocal Music Clinic 3pm/Concert 7pm	24 Coffee Club 9:30-10:30am Red Ribbon Week After School Teacher Inservice Trash Pickup	25 Info for Newsletter due!	26 Grilled Steaks NHHS Picture Retakes Senior Recognition VB-State FB-Lyndon at NHHS 7pm	27 ACT Test CC-State VB-State Library 10-noon
28	29	30	31 Coffee Club 9:30-10:30am Trunk & Treat Reading School Fall Festival & Parade 2:30 Trash Pickup Halloween	Linda Woods 623 Highway 170 Reading, KS 66868 Fax: 620-699-3883 woods@seamless.net City Hall reading_clerk@seamless.net	Send information for Newsletter to: 	

"Coffee and Conversation"



October 9th, 10:00 am @
KansasLand Bank in Americus

November 13th @ 10:00 am
@ Allen Senior Center in Allen

Join Mr. Nelson and building administrators to visit about what is happening in our schools and to answer any questions you may have.

We hope to see you there!

City of Reading website address
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Facebook Community Page address

facebook.com/pages/Reading-Kansas/107901952605216?ref=hl#!/

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Community of Reading Vision Statement: A renewed community built on Commitment, Faith, and Families. "Come grow with us!"



City of Reading

October 4th City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Kevin Sorensen, Council members in attendance were Jenifer Haneman, Todd Hensley, Heather Jones, and Ed Sapp. City employees in attendance were Tom Corpening, Carol Ann Higgins, Joyce Wilson and Marion Jones. Guests were: Dan Hall of BG Consultants, Inc., Scott Briggs, Lyon County Commissioner and one resident.

Joyce Wilson gave treasurer's report after discussion it was voted on and passed. Had a discussion on delinquent bills. Joyce volunteered to help Carol Ann apply for the State of Kansas Setoff program to collect on delinquent bills. Council thought this was a good idea.

Scott Briggs was recognized and he announced how the 1% sales tax would help Reading. Scott was just asking we all know about it and please to vote for it. Without this sales tax, a lot of benefits will be eliminated. Don Hall gave the four bids for the Community Building. Council voted to accept bid of \$625,900 from Decker Construction, 1215 East 8th, Coffeyville, Kansas with counting approval from KDEM and FEMA. Dan suggested a kickoff meeting for 7 p.m. Tuesday, 10/16/12 @ Reading City Hall.

Old Business: Heather continues to daily update the community sign. Luke's Lawn & Landscaping will do the work around sign. Todd is continuing to work on the swing set, mulch, teeter totters and sand diggers. Ed is working on repainting the spring riders. Much appreciation was expressed to all.

New Business: Tabled work on water tower until Tom can get us a little more information on the work. Roll off dumpster was discussed and decided to keep at least one more month. No action was taken on basketball and tennis court slab until we know how much funding will be received.

Trees, 92 of them planted at school and park on October 13. Another 200 trees distributed October 20th to community residents. Kim Bomberger, Kansas Community District Forrester overseeing the projects. A Special thank you goes out to Nancy Jones, Reading Lions Club, RCD, School Staff, and the citizens who help with all the planting of the trees.

Reading Community Building Kick-Off Conference was held on 10/16/2012. The contractor intends to break ground October 29, 2012 depending on its steel provider. The anticipated completion date is March 19th, 2013.

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Public Square

The Reading Steering Committee met October 9. They continue to meet monthly and were recently asked to help facilitate a public conversation for the Emporia Trade Area of the Flint Hills.



The Housing Action Team has been assessing the houses/lots available for rent or sale in Reading. Several Housing Action Team members plan to go to the next meeting of the Americus Housing Association on November 4 to gather information.

Public Square cont.

The Park/Community Building Action Team representative reported the recent enhancements made to the park and that ground breaking for the Community Building should start October 29. Once the new Community Building is complete and City Hall moves there (Spring 2013) the current City Hall location will become available for space for a new business in town. The Incubator/Business Action Team will follow up on that at the appropriate time.

Much appreciation was expressed to all of the businesses who donated mulch, stakes and hoses for the tree planting event. They were Bluestem, Sutherlands, Mark II and Waters True Value.

A couple of the Steering Committee members plan to attend the Public Square annual conference in McPherson, Nov. 9-10.

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Reading United Methodist Women

Reading United Methodist Women will be hosting its annual Community Women's Guest Supper at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, November 14 in the church basement. A supper of soup and sandwiches will be served. The guest speaker will be Chris Wallace of the North Lyon County Child Development Center. Her message will be "Love and Logic - Through the Eyes of a Child." If possible, guests are asked to bring a golden book, toilet paper or paper towels to donate to the center. All community women are welcome!



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Library News

The Library received contributions this month. Rosalee Voorhees again brought some books. We were also blessed with books collected by a group of 4-H'ers. There was apparently an event held in Wichita which 4-H members throughout the state attended. They used our library as a community service project by asking the attending members to bring books for us. I'm still working to get all these books catalogued, but there appears to be quite a variety, including children's books, paperbacks, novels, cookbooks, etc. We are certainly grateful to Rosalee and all the 4-H'ers who contributed for our benefit.. Bette Eby



Miracle Cafe

Friday Night Special for November the 30th-Chicken Fried Steak This will be a 'Dine United' evening with 15% of the profits that night going to The United Way of the Flint Hills.

Thank you United Way for everything that you did to help get Reading back on its feet. I will be glad to do Holiday baking for you. Pies, Bread, Dinner rolls, or Cinnamon Rolls. Please call and order early. Last date for pick up will be Nov. 21st.

Miracle Cafe cont.

Continued thanks go out to the community for supporting us and The Miracle Cafe. We will be closed Thursday, November 22 thought Sunday, November 25th for Thanksgiving holiday.

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Reading Community Development

At the September meeting it was announced that Sutherland's, Waters True Value, Bluestem Farm and Ranch, and Mark II are donating mulch and stakes to help with the planting of trees at the park and school.

It was discuss if we were interested in helping with another truck pull next year. It was tabled to next meeting so we can get input from the community and see if they are interested in hosting another truck pull.

RCD would like to give a big Pat on the Back to Rich Martin for all his work this summer on the storage shed in the park. Rich took on the project of building us chair holders on the wall of the storage shed. It has made it so nice to hang all the chairs and get them up off of the floor and have more space for all the tables and ball equipment. Thank you, Rich.....Job well done.

You are invited to the first "Reading Stroll"

(RCD Sponsored Event) This event will take place in Reading at 5:30 - 7 p.m. on Wednesday, November 28 following the lighting of the Christmas tree. We would love it if all the homes that are going to be having lights would try to have their lights up by this Wednesday evening and then have them on for all to see and appreciate. We will light our little town up and let everyone know that we are survivors and are coming back strong.

We are in the preliminary planning stages but the following entities have agreed to participate:

- * Reading City Hall will be open and provide hot choc and cookies.
- * The Citizens State Bank will serve cheese/crackers and cider.
- * The Miracle Café will serve little smokies and bbq meatballs with Beer and Wine Coolers (lemonade for the children). We will have Jason Kewley's art in Concrete displayed in the Green Room. He will also have some pieces for sale for Christmas gifts.
- * The United Methodist Women will be providing small loaves of bread for any family who stops by.
- * Reading Grain and Lumber will be serving cookies and coffee.
- * Reading Library will be giving out sacks of caramel popcorn.
- * Head, Hands & Feet will be serving Caramel Apples.
- * Reading Baptist Church May also participate.

There will be a sheet for each family to take around to all the participating businesses for signatures and you will register for door prizes at each stop. Prizes are still being determined. At the end of the evening (appr. 7:15) everyone will meet back up at The Miracle Café and we will draw for the prizes to be given away.

If it's a success, we may start a tradition for the years to come. For more information, you may contact Reta Jackson at The Miracle Café.

Citizens State Bank & Trust Co.



We want to remind folks that we sell Personal Money Orders that

Citizens State Bank & Trust Co. cont.

may be used to pay bills, in lieu of having a checking account or buying postal money orders. Stop by the bank on the evening of Wednesday, Nov. 28th for apple cider, cheese and crackers, and to register for a free prize that we will be giving away during the Reading Stroll.

The Citizens State Bank and Trust Co. is pleased to announce that a new branch in Gypsum, Kansas opened on October 15, 2012. That is our fourth location - Woodbine, Bremen, Reading and Gypsum.



Thanksgiving Dinner

If you are unable to be with family on Thanksgiving Day, come and celebrate Thanksgiving with Warren and Rosalie Voorhees at the Reading United Methodist Church on November 22, 2012. Bring a covered dish and come join us. We will try to eat at noon. Warren and Rosalie will be furnishing a turkey with dressing, mashed potatoes, gravy, rolls and probably a ham. We would love to share that special salad or dessert you enjoy making at Thanksgiving.



Reading Lions Club



Reading Lions Club will be doing their annual pancake supper on December 1, 2012 from 5 - 7 p.m. at the Reading United Methodist Church. We will be serving pancakes & sausage, biscuits & sausage gravy, scrambled eggs, coffee, milk & juice for your donation. Your donation will purchase the Christmas candy and Santa's visit for Reading Grade School at their Christmas program on December 5, 2012. Come and join the fun. Bring your grandchildren and get their picture taken with Santa Claus after the program.

At the October meeting District Governor, Bill Kincaid presented letters of appreciation for service to the Lions Club to Tom Whitaker for 45 years; Warren Voorhees for 35 years; David Garrison & Rosalie Voorhees for 25 years.

Replanting Reading

Have you looked around Reading lately? Things are looking better. Over 100 trees have been planted at the park and school. On October 13th, 50 volunteers worked in the wind and rain to beautify our park and school. They were from: Kansas Forest Service, Westar Energy Green Team, City of Emporia, Emporia Master Gardeners, Emporia Lions Club, Ecoton Forestry, Ottawa, City of Burlingame and Burlingame Tree Board, Burlingame Girl Scouts, Osage City Tree Board, several Reading City Council members, City of Reading employees Tom and Galen, Reading Lions Club, Reading Community Development, Nancy Jones and three other Reading residents. During the following week, other volunteers stepped up to finish the school project and help transport the remaining trees for the residential distribution which took place October 20th when 200 more free trees were distributed to residents. Additional volunteers for this date included Volunteer Extraordinaire Steve Burnett and Madison Youth Group as well as Ottawa University Biology Club students. For those individuals who received trees for their property and who would like to thank the individual responsible for make the "Replant Reading" event happen, you can write to: Kim Bomberger, Community District Forester, Kansas Forest Service, Kansas State University, 2610 Claflin Road, Manhattan KS 66502-2798. Much appreciation is expressed to all who were involved in this vital and ongoing project.

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Girl Scouts

Our Reading Girl Scouts have had a busy month. The Brownies are working on their snack badge by making guacamole and some special Halloween treats. They also took a tour of the Miracle Cafe kitchen where we learned how to hard cook eggs in the oven. The Daisy girls are learning the Girl Scout Law and Promise.

Marie's 90th Birthday Celebration

- The family of Marie Miles are hosting an early 90th birthday celebration ●
- on November 24th at the Osage City Senior Citizen building. Come ●
- and celebrate the afternoon from 2-4 p.m. with Marie. Please no gifts. ●

Reading School

I would like to thank all parents who attended parent/teacher conferences. Your support is very much appreciated.



Our students have had a busy, activity filled month. They enjoyed Red Ribbon Week by dressing up each day to show their spirit. Each day they enjoyed a new activity of learning. On Friday, they had their annual Tug-O-War against drugs. The "Nutrition Ladies" from the Lyon County Extension Office came to Reading giving students nutrition education. The students

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enjoyed their activities. All lessons kindergarten through fifth began with hand washing lessons. The kindergarten enjoyed butterfly snacks with carrots, pretzels and American cheese. The first and second grades had "Giant Germs" made from Ritz crackers, strawberry cream cheese, pretzels, and raisins. The third grade had fresh apples. The fourth and fifth grades made ice cream in a bag.

We finished the month of October with a Fall Festival and Halloween Parade on October 31. A big thank you to all who helped with our Fall Festival and to the businesses for providing goodies for our Halloween Parade.

The character trait for November is Honesty - Being sincere and truthful: your actions match your word; also called integrity. The color is brown.

Red Ribbon Week

Shoot for the Stars; Stay Drug Free

There were many fun activities during Red Ribbon Week held October 22 through October 26. "Put a Cap on Drugs" was Monday's theme. Students wore their favorite cap. Red ribbons were given to each student and staff to wear throughout the week. "Team Up to Defeat Drugs" was the theme for Tuesday. Students wore their favorite team jersey as a symbol of being drug free. Students also received a pencil. "Sock It to Drugs Day" was Wednesday's theme. Students wore their craziest socks to school and went to the ball field in the park to put an antidrug message on the outfield fence. "Snug as a Bug in a Rug without Drugs" was Thursday's theme. Students wore their pajamas to school. "Tug-o-War Against Drugs" was Friday's theme as the students painted their face as a sign of going to war against drugs and had a tug-a-war contest and prizes were given. The week was very educational and enjoyed by all.

Reading Fall Festival











Reading School held their fall festival on Wednesday, October 31. They began the morning with activities of rotation destinations. Each child was assigned a group of Cats, Crows, Leaves, Ghosts, Pumpkins, Owls, or Bats. Each group enjoyed six activities throughout the morning. The activities the children enjoyed included pumpkin decorating, hayrack ride, and S'mores. They also enjoyed helping to make apple cider, an autumn obstacle course and listening to Halloween stories while making a craft. The students enjoyed a lunch of Goblin Stew (beef & noodles), Zombie Brains (mashed potatoes), Monster Fingers (carrots), Bat Toes (pineapple) and Ghost Juice (milk). Students then dressed in their Halloween costumes and had a parade in the school and down town Reading where businesses gave each student a treat. All classes then returned to their classrooms where they enjoyed their Halloween parties.

The annual Thanksgiving dinner for Reading School students will be held on Friday, November 16. Many students enjoy having their family attend the meal with them. We would like to extend an invitation to any parents that are able to attend. However, we will need to limit the number to two guests per student. Students in grades Kindergarten through second eat their lunch at 11:20 a.m. Students in grades third through fifth eat their lunch at 12:00 p.m. The cost of an adult lunch is \$3.40.

If you wish to attend the Thanksgiving dinner on Friday, November 16, with your child, please call the school no later than Wednesday, November 7. We will not be able to take reservations after November 7. The kitchen staff needs to know the number attending the dinner several days in advance so they might order extra food.

**The students, staff, faculty and bus drivers
of Reading School wish you and your family a very
Happy Thanksgiving.**

November 2012


Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <p>Two vehicles for sale: 1989 GMC pickup with topper and 1988 K5 Chevrolet Blazer. Both have lots of miles, and are a bit rough, but they have good tires, start right up, and run well. Asking \$1,000 for each. Reliable for hauling firewood, a hunting truck, etc. May be viewed on the East end of Market Street in Osage City (south of Casey's). Call Mike Bean at 785-217-5195.</p>				<p>1 Coffee Club 9:30-10:30am</p> <p>City Council 7pm</p> <p>Recycling Trailer </p>	<p>2 Chicken & Noodles</p> <p>ACT Registration due for 12/8 Test</p> <p>FB-Regionals</p>	<p>3 Library 10-noon</p>
<p>Daylight Savings Time Ends</p> <p>■■■■■■■■■■</p> <p>The 7th -Last day to make reservations to have lunch with your Reading Student on the 16th</p> <p>■■■■■■■■■■</p>	<p>5 NHHS Site Based Council meeting</p> <p>BB-Mission Vly at NLC 4pm (NHHS)</p> <p>Reading Site Based Council 6pm/PTO 6:30pm</p>	<p>6 General Election</p> <p> VOTE</p> <p>Americus PTO 7pm</p> <p>Recycling Trailer at NHHS</p>	<p>7 Coffee Club 9:30-10:30am</p> <p>BUFFER WEEK DCC Meeting</p> <p>FCCLA Leadership Academy</p> <p>NLC Site Based Council 5:30pm</p> <p>Trash Pickup </p>	<p>8 BB-NLC at Herington 4:30pm</p> <p>Recycling Trailer at NHHS</p>	<p>9 Meatloaf</p> <p>FB-Sectionals</p>	<p>10 NHHS Fall Play 7pm</p> <p>Library 10-noon</p>
<p>11 Veterans Day</p> <p></p>	<p>12 PDC Meeting</p> <p>BB-NHHS Practice Begins</p> <p>BB-Council Grove at NLC 4pm (Reading)</p>	<p>13 Coffee & Conversation 10am</p>	<p>14 Coffee Club 9:30-10:30am</p> <p>NATIONAL EDUCATION WEEK</p> <p>UMW Guest Supper 6:30pm</p> <p>District Bus Driver Meeting 9am</p> <p>Trash Pickup </p>	<p>15 Recycling Trailer at NHHS</p> <p>NLC BB Pictures</p> <p>BB-NLC at Lyndon 4:30pm</p> <p>Recycling Trailer </p>	<p>16 Deep Fried Catfish</p> <p>Lunch with your Reading Student</p> <p>FB-Sub State</p>	<p>17 Library 10-noon</p>
<p>18 Cafe Closed</p>	<p>19 BB-NLC at Chase County 4:30pm</p>	<p>20 Recycling Trailer at NHHS</p>	<p>21 Coffee Club 9:30-10:30am</p> <p>NO SCHOOL</p> <p>Recycling Trailer at NHHS</p> <p>Trash Pickup </p>	<p>22 Cafe Closed</p> <p>NO SCHOOL</p> <p>Thanksgiving Dinner with Warren & Rosalie at UMC</p> <p>Thanksgiving</p>	<p>23 Cafe Closed</p> <p>NO SCHOOL</p> <p>Info for Newsletter due! </p>	<p>24 Cafe Closed</p> <p>Marie Miles 90th Birthday Celebration</p> <p>FB-State</p> <p>Library 10-noon</p>
<p>25 Cafe Closed</p>	<p>26 School Board Meeting 7pm</p>	<p>27 Turkey season closes</p> <p>BB-NLC at Mission Vly 4:30pm</p>	<p>28 Coffee Club 9:30-10:30am</p> <p>Reading Stroll</p> <p>Christmas Tree Lighting</p> <p>Trash Pickup </p>	<p>29 BB-Osage City at NLC 4pm (Reading)</p> <p>Recycling Trailer at NHHS</p>	<p>30 Dine United Chicken Fried Steak Dinner</p> <p>BB-NHHS at Wabaunsee 4:45pm</p>	

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Community of Reading Vision Statement: A renewed community built on Commitment, Faith, and Families. "Come grow with us!"



City of Reading

Council meeting was November 1st, City Hall. Mayor Kevin Sorensen call meeting to order at 7:04p.m. Council members in attendance were: Billy Paige, Jenifer Hanneman, Todd Hensley, Heather Jones, and Ed Sapp. City employees were: Joyce Wilson, Carol Ann Higgins with Tom Corpening absent. Debbie Garrison told Kevin that she had a 12' artificial tree we could use for the big tree across from City Hall. They are going to have 'The Stroll' November 28th and light the tree. RCD bought 2 concrete trash containers; the City motioned to have 4 more made and ordered 6 colored lids for them. The Community Building is well under way, weather permitting should be completed in March and ready to be rented for family reunions and parties again. After December 1st, City Hall office hours will change back to old hours. Next meeting December 6th at 7:00 p.m.

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM CITY HALL (REMEMBER WHAT WE ARE CELEBRATING)

Reading City contacts: Mayor Sorensen 699-3300. City Hall 699-3870, Maintenance manager Tom Corpening 620-794-2556
Council members: Paige 699-3870, Hanneman 620-412-1639, Jones 620-340-2442, Hensley 699-3322 and Sapp 620-794-5653.

Office hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 8:30-1:30; Wednesday 8:30-4:30. City clerk email address: reading_clerk@seamless.net; City website address is www.cityofreadingks.com.

We are trying to get bills out before the 1st of the month so we will need to get the newsletter out by the 20th or 21st. We will need everyone's information for the newsletter the weekend before the 20th.



Public Square

Reading Steering Committee

The committee met November 13 where Kevin Sorensen shared his experience at the Public Square Annual Conference in McPherson which he attended recently.

The Housing Action Team; Debbie Garrison reported that several members attended the November meeting of the Americus Housing Authority where some valuable information was received. More information gathering sessions are planned in the near future. The next Steering Committee will be Tuesday, January 8, 2013.

United Methodist Church

Children's Sunday School: During Service
Adult Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship Service: 10:30- 11:30 a.m.



Preparation for Christmas begins with Advent worship. Join Reading UMC for Advent beginning at 10:30 am on December 2, 9, 16 and 23. Jeans and casual clothing are the dress of the day and friendship is the result. We invite your family to join our "family" on Sunday mornings!

Community Christmas Dinner

Turkey, mashed potatoes & gravy, dressing, rolls and drink await you at noon for the Reading Community Christmas dinner on Sunday, December 9. If you have a favorite side dish to add, bring it with you to Reading United Methodist Church to share. Join your neighbors for conversation and good food. Aren't we a lucky and blessed group?!

Christmas Eve Service

Candlelight, music, communion, lots of family and friends await you on December 24 for the traditional Christmas Eve service at Reading UMC at 6pm. Come in your jammies, your jeans or your favorite sweatshirt, but don't miss out. It is the perfect way to start your evening!

Reading United Methodist Women

Community women were welcomed at the November UMW meeting where Chris Wallace, director of the North Lyon County Child Development Center gave the program. The next UMW meeting will be the Christmas book exchange. We will car pool from the church at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 12 and travel to Osage City. Any community women who would like to attend may contact Marion Jones, 699-3471 for additional details.

Baptist Church

Bible Study: 9:30 a.m.
Worship Service: 10:30 a.m.
Rev. Lyle Williams



North Lyon County Adopt a Child/Family Christmas Tree

"Adoptables" are available at different locations throughout Lyon County. Reading- Citizens Bank, Miracle Café, Baptist and Methodist Churches; Americus- The library, City hall, and Senior Center, local churches; Allen- Senior Center, S&A Telephone, local churches; Emporia- Dept on Aging (Lyon County Annex)

You can start picking out your "adoptables" at these locations starting November 21 and ask to have the gifts brought back by December 14 to the same location you picked out your "adoptable". Please have the gift wrapped with the code of the "adoptable" on the outside, for example "Boy #1". Contact Kendra Briggs with any questions 620-342-6119.

Reading Lions Club

Don't forget to attend the Reading Lions Club annual pancake supper on December 1, 2012 from 5 - 7 p.m. at the Reading United Methodist Church. We will be serving pancakes & sausage, biscuits & sausage gravy, scrambled eggs, coffee, milk & juice for your donation. Your donation will purchase the Christmas candy and Santa's visit for Reading Grade School at their Christmas program on December 5, 2012. Come and join the fun. Bring your grandchildren and get their picture taken with Santa Claus after the program.





Reading Fire Department

The Fire Department is having their monthly training on both the first Wednesday evening and the following Saturday morning each month. Those interested can attend the day that works best for them.

Library News

We received more books this month. Gary and Neelsey (23 Broad Street) brought some books which look interesting. I also received more information about the 4-H contributions. They had \$100 cash contributed for the library, and I selected and ordered a variety of books which I have now received from a distributor of Usborne Books. I selected a variety of books. I was able to order fourteen books, three or four of which I selected specifically for our older students. The balance are either activity books or for younger children. I picked one on dolphins and whales especially for Michael Parker since he had expressed a interest in dolphins. Many thanks to all contributors again this month. I hope you have the opportunity to take part in the Reading Stroll on the 28th to see what we have available for you. Hope to see many of you again soon to check out books of your specific interest.



Miracle Cafe

December Friday Night Specials: 7th BBQ Ribs, the 14th Smoked Brisket, and the 21st Fried Chicken.

Last day to pick up your orders for pies, bread or rolls is Friday, December 21st. We will be closed for the Holidays from December 22nd thru January 1st so that I and all the rest of the staff may enjoy their families which includes a little traveling.

Everyone have a great Christmas Holiday and we will see you after the New Year. Thanks for a great year. Looking forward to the next. Eugene and Reta Jackson

As always come early and enjoy a delicious cinnamon roll and some coffee or join us for a home cooked lunch. Coffee Club each morning from 9:30 to 10:30... coffee for a quarter! Daily lunch specials: Monday - Home cooked Roast Beef, Tuesday - Fried Chicken, Wednesday - Chef's Choice, Thursday - Ham and Cheesy Potatoes, Friday - Taco and Burrito with Nacho Chips and Cheese.

Hours are: Monday through Thursday 9-3:30, Friday 9-9, and Saturday 6-11 for breakfast only.

WiFi Hot Spot Need to use a computer? Computer for public use in the green room at the Miracle Cafe.



Music and Sweets at the Miracle Cafe

Acoustic guitar, violin and sweets. Who could ask for more? On Saturday, December 8, from 7 to 8:30 pm, bring your family, your co-workers and friends for a relaxing atmosphere to celebrate the Christmas season.

Reta will have a variety of fresh pies and desserts in the case. Bill Ihling and Kendra Briggs will begin the evening with our favorite songs and then delight us with those Christmas classics the last half hour. There is no cover charge. The Green Room will be set up so you can peruse and shop locally for Christmas. Enjoy a sweet, a refreshing beverage and beautiful music on December 8. See you there!



"The Reading Stroll"

Stroll thru the heart of Reading and begin your holiday season! The "Reading Stroll" will be held Wednesday, November 28, beginning with the lighting of the city Christmas tree at 5:30pm. Following the tree lighting, you are invited to pick up a card at Citizen's State Bank and begin your stroll through town. There will be treats and good conversation to enjoy along the way! Be sure to have your card marked at each stop and drop it at The Miracle Café for a chance to win \$100 cash among other prizes.

Local artist, Jason Kewley, will be featured. You will see one of his giant flower pots outside Citizens State Bank and a huge decoratively designed trash receptacle outside the fire house. Jason begins with clay that he digs from his property south of town. He then creates a mold from that clay which he casts in fiber reinforced Portland cement and sand cement mixture. The concrete is cured, the clay removed and the piece washed clean. Each piece is a true one-of-a-kind because the mold is destroyed in the process.

Reading Grain, Head-Hands-and-Feet, Reading City Hall, Reading Fire Station, Citizen's State Bank, The Miracle Café, United Methodist Church and the Reading Library invite you to view the new and improved facilities! Come early and tour the town. There is much to see in our "City of New Beginnings"!

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Holiday Savings Tips

1. Make a gift list and stick to the gift list
2. Make a budget
3. Compare prices
4. Give your time instead of money
5. Make our own ornaments or wrapping paper
6. Have less outdoor lights
7. Pick the most meaningful social events

There are garden seeds free at the bank. They donated by Osage Hardware.

Reading Community Development

A & R Auto Salvage in Osage City (1-785-528-9130) is offering to buy and haul old automobiles for cash, the amount depending on salvageable parts and the current market price of metal. You must supply the vehicle title or registration to verify ownership. As an added incentive, the Reading Community Development, Inc. is offering an additional \$50.00 per vehicle to anyone who sells one for salvage. The vehicle must have come from within the city limits of Reading, Kansas. If you sell a vehicle on your own, please bring a copy of the receipts to The Citizens State Bank and Trust Company, 402 First Street.

Reading Grain and Lumber, Inc.



Monday though Friday 8-5 and Saturday 8-noon.



Head, Hands, and Feet

Hours: Tuesday-Friday 9:30am-5pm and Saturday 10am-3pm. 620-412-3222

Cakes by Rhonda

Graduation cakes, birthday cakes, wedding cakes... cakes for any occasion. To place an order, please contact Rhonda at 794-6991.



Senior Meals

These meals are for anyone and will be delivered to your door, for a nominal fee. If you are interested in receiving meals, please call the Senior Center in Allen at 620-528-3414 or the Department on Aging at 620-342-6119.

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. If no reservations are received from a town, L-Cat may reroute or cancel the trip to that town for that day.
- ⇒ Be at the designated boarding/departure location in each town at least 15 minutes before scheduled departure time. Buses must leave on time to stay on schedule.



L-CAT OFFICE HOURS:
 Monday - Friday: 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
 Saturday: 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
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Reading 4-H

Give you kids something to do after school. It is free, educational, and will build their confidence. The more involved they are, the more they will benefit. At our last meeting, we sent out enrollment forms; some still need to be turned in.

Our next meeting we planned to go caroling and pass out treats to the shut-ins. We asked the 4-H'ers to bring a friend who might be interested. We will be doing a gift swap \$5 or less for anyone who wants to participate.

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, December 11th, 4:15 to 5:15. For the Reading School 4-H'ers, they will walk to the Methodist Church at 3:40 for activities until 4:15. Visitors are welcome. For more information contact Melanie Pritchard at (620) 794-2419 or Kathy Barr at (620) 256-6470.

Reading School

The character trait for December is Responsibility- Being ethically accountable for the welfare and care of another, being answerable for your own behavior—reliable; involving duties and obligations. The color is red.



American Education Week:

American Education week was celebrated during the week of November 12-16, 2012. Students at Reading School participated in a variety of activities. A spirit week was held with a theme for each day. "Get Cuddly and Comfy" was the theme for Monday. Students wore their pj's for a comfy day of learning.

Tuesday's theme was "Crazy for Education". Students dressed in crazy, colorful colors and received a colorful package of crayons. All classes enjoyed nutrition classes from the Lyon County Extension Office.

Wednesday's theme was "Orange you glad to be at Reading School?". Students dressed in their favorite orange shirt. Oranges were enjoyed by all students for their FFV snack.

Thursday's theme was "Have you 'Read' Your Book Today?". Students dressed in red and enjoyed an all school read in the gym after receiving a free book mark.

Friday's theme was "Proud to be an American Learner". Students wore red, white, and blue. They enjoyed a trip to the Fire Department to learn about fire safety. The annual Thanksgiving Dinner was on the menu for lunch and was enjoyed by students and many of their parents.



Thank You!

The students and staff of Reading School would like to thank the men and women of Reading Fire Department that spent their day on Friday, November 16, with the children of Reading School. The volunteers gave the students and teachers a tour of the fire department and showed them the equipment used to keep our community safe. A fun and educational time was had by all.

'Tis the Season'

The annual Winter Program will be held on Wednesday December 5, 2012, beginning at 7:00 p.m. The program is called "Home for the Holiday". After the program, a special guest will pay a visit to the youngsters at the school. A big thank you to the Reading Lions Club and PTO for their sponsorship of the evening.

Calendar of Events

- December 5 Reading Winter Program 7:00 p.m.
- December 6 Basketball West Franklin at NLC 4 p.m. (Reading)
- December 7 USD #251 Senior Citizen Dinner at NHHS
Board of Education Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- December 13 Basketball Chase County at NLC 4:00 p.m. (Reading)
- December 21 Early Dismissal 12:30 p.m.
½ Day Work Day for Teachers
End of 2nd Nine Weeks
- December 24-January 2 NO SCHOOL Christmas Break

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM THE STUDENTS, STAFF, AND FACULTY OF READING SCHOOL



Rhonda Sapp would like to give a BIG SHOUT-OUT to all those that participated in this year's "Trunk and Treat"! The event was a huge success again this year. Thank you for all the donations, the Miracle Cafe for hosting the Hot Dog Feed, and to all who attended!

Following a long fight with cancer Reading resident, Laura Velasquez passed away on November 3rd and was laid to rest in Freeport, Kansas on November 7th.

Laura was so thrilled to have attended her daughter's wedding and to have celebrated her husband Brian's birthday.

December 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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Lion s Club
Pancake Supper
5-7pm
Library 10-noon

2 UMC Advent Worship	3 BB-Lyndon at NLC 4pm	4 BB Tournament Herington	5 Coffee Club 9:30-10:30am RFD training DCC Meeting Reading Program 7pm Trash Pickup	6 City Council 7pm BB Tournament Herington BB-W Franklin at NLC (Reading) 4pm Recycling Trailer	7 BBQ Ribs Senior Citizen Dinner at NHHS noon School Board Meeting 7pm	8 RFD training Music & Sweets 7-8:30pm ACT Test BB Tournament Herington Library 10-noon
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9 UMC Advent Worship UMC Community Christmas Dinner	10 BB-NLC at Osage 4:30pm	11 4-H meeting 4:15-5:15pm BB-Mission Vly at NHHS 4:45pm	12 Coffee Club 9:30-10:30am UMC Women NLC Program 7pm Trash Pickup	13 BB-Chase Cnty at NLC (Reading)4pm Recycling Trailer at NHHS	14 Smoked Brisket Info for Newsletter due! Adoptable Gift due BB-NHHS at Osage 4:45pm	15 NLC Tournament Herington 9am Library 10-noon
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16 UMC Advent Worship	17 BB-NLC at Herington 4:30pm	18 BB-Chase Cnty at NHHS 4:45pm	19 Coffee Club 9:30-10:30am NHHS Program 7pm Trash Pickup	20 BB-NLC at Council Grove 4:30pm Recycling Trailer	21 Fried Chicken End of 2nd 9 Weeks School Early Dismissal 12:30pm 1/2 Day Teacher Work Day	22 Cafe Closed Library 10-noon
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Cafe Closed
No School or Sports Practice-Winter Break

UMC Advent Worship	UMC Christmas Eve Service	Christmas Trash Pickup				Library 10-noon
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30 No School or Sports Practice Winter Break	31 Cafe Closed New Year's Eve		<p>Send information for Newsletter to: Linda Woods 623 Highway 170 Reading, KS 66868 Fax: 620-699-3883 woods@seamless.net or Reading City Hall at reading_clerk@seamless.net</p>		<p>Reminder: Information for newsletter due one week earlier; Friday the 14th!</p>
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Community of Reading Vision Statement: A renewed community built on Commitment, Faith, and Families. "Come grow with us!"



City of Reading

Council Meeting was December 6th at City Hall and next meeting is January 3rd 2013.

Meeting was called to order by Mayor

Kevin Sorensen with all council members present. City employees Joyce Wilson treasurer, City clerk Carol Ann Higgins, Marion Jones working with FEMA for city and city man Tom Corpening all in attendance. Joyce gave her report and it was decided as of the first of the year sewer rates need to be raised \$2.00 there has been so much done since the tornado we need to do this it passed 0-3 one vote was no and one abstain. Roger from Lebo post office was at the meeting explaining about a village post office. Council asked questions which Roger was going back and ask for us. It seems all a village post office is to sell stamps, boxes and envelopes, City did ask about a blue box to put outgoing mail in for the people. Roger will get back with us on questions asked.

City has its first payment out for the Community building. The big dumpster will be here until 1st of the new year, so be sure and keep cleaning up your property. Discussion on entrances to park they will be stone but will not be started until approved by FEMA or FEMA will not pay if we would start on it.

Don't forget new office hours the first of the year, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday they will be 8:30 to 1:30 and Wednesdays 8:30 to 4:30. May everyone have a very BLESSED AND HAPPY NEW YEAR.

PLEASE TALK UP OUR NICE PARK AND R.V. PARK FOR PEOPLE TO STAY AT, JUST CONTACT CITY HALL FOR KEY TO WATER, GAS, SEWER AND LIGHTS

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Public Square

Reading Steering Committee will start the 2013 year off with their first meeting at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, January 8 at the Miracle Cafe. We will be formulating plans for the year

for the three remaining Action Teams which are Park and Community Building, Housing, and Business. Attendance has fallen off lately so if you are interested in your community, please come and share your enthusiasm. On Thu, Dec 20, 2012 at 1:44 PM

United Methodist Church

Children's Sunday School: During Service

Adult Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.

Sunday Worship Service: 10:30-11:30 a.m.



Reading United Methodist Women



We will meet at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, January 9 at the Methodist Church basement. We always have a light supper followed by a short business meeting and devotions. All community women are invited to attend.



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Library News

The first Reading Stroll seemed to go very well. I had many visitors to the library with many positive comments about the size and variety of books available. Hope to see many of you visit the library in the near future.

Again, a few donations--Tom Willard, Rosalee Voorhees, and Rhonda Hooper Thank you so much.

I hope all of you had a wonderful Christmas with your families, and that 2013 will make all your wishes come true.

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Citizens State Bank & Trust Co.



The staff of The Citizens State Bank and Trust Company wish a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to the residents of Reading and the surrounding community. One year ago in December 2011 we opened our doors in Reading and we are happy to say it has been a good year. We appreciate the loyalty of our customers who have made it all possible. Thank you all!

Reading Community Development

A & R Auto Salvage in Osage City (1-785-528-9130) is offering to buy and haul old automobiles for cash, the amount depending on salvageable parts and the current market price of metal. You must supply the vehicle title or registration to verify ownership. As an added incentive, the Reading Community Development, Inc. is offering an additional \$50.00 per vehicle to anyone who sells one for salvage. The vehicle must have come from within the city limits of Reading, Kansas. If you sell a vehicle on your own, please bring a copy of the receipts to The Citizens State Bank and Trust Company, 402 First Street.

Reading Grain and Lumber, Inc.

Monday through Friday 8-5 and Saturday 8-noon.



Head, Hands, and Feet

Hours: Tuesday-Friday 9:30am-5pm
and Saturday 10am-3pm. 620-412-3222



Cakes by Rhonda

Graduation cakes, birthday cakes, wedding cakes...
cakes for any occasion. To place an order,
please contact Rhonda at 794-6991.



Senior Meals



These meals are for anyone and will be delivered to your
door, for a nominal fee. If you are interested in receiving
meals, please call the Senior Center in Allen at
620-528-3414 or the Department on Aging at 620-342-6119.

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.
If no reservations are received from a town, L-Cat may
reroute or cancel the trip to that town for that day.
- ⇒ Be at the designated boarding/departure location in each
town at least 15 minutes before scheduled departure time.
Buses must leave on time to stay on schedule.



L-CAT OFFICE HOURS:
Monday - Friday: 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Saturday: 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
620-342-4207

Recycling

The recycling trailer from Lyon County is parked
in front of the school on the first and third Thursday
of each 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.



Granger Smith



The Northern Heights Student
Council would like to encourage
you to buy tickets to country
singer/songwriter Granger
Smith, also known as country
comedian Earl Dibbles Jr.
Flint Hills Music and Emporia
Granada are hosting the competition
among the area schools. If NHHS
sells the most tickets, the Student
Council will win a percentage of the advanced ticket sales.

The best part will be having Granger Smith come to our school to perform
the day of the concert! Granger Smith requested the winning school
use the funds for the performing arts. Our student body would
like the money to go towards new curtains for our stage.
Student tickets are \$5 and adult tickets are \$10.
The concert is Wednesday January 23rd.

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The opening vocal act is Northern Heights very own
SAVANNA CHESTNUT!

Go to www.emporiagranada.com - Select ON-LINE STORE
Click on Granger Smith Fund-raiser - Select the Northern
Heights Wildcat for your ticket purchase. You may post
to facebook or twitter that you are supporting our efforts!

NLC Food Drive

The Americus Elementary
and NLC Junior High
hosted a food drive
December 10th -14th.
Their school goal was to
bring in 300 canned/
boxed food items.
They exceeded their
goal by bringing in
1445 items. The food
items were delivered to the local Lyon county area food pantries.



Reading School

THERE IS NO PLACE LIKE USD 251



The character trait for January is Courage.
Courage—being brave in difficult times;
trying new things and trying again
if you fail. The color for the month is purple.

SICK CHILDREN: SEND TO SCHOOL OR KEEP HOME?

Deciding when a child is too sick to go to school can be a difficult decision
for parents to make. When trying to decide, use the guidelines below.

*GOTOSCHOOL...

If your child has any of the following symptoms,
they should probably go to school.

1. Sniffles, a runny nose, and a mild cough without a fever.
2. Vague complaints of aches, pains or fatigue.
3. Single episode of diarrhea or vomiting without any other symptoms.

*STAYATHOME...

If your child has any of the following symptoms, please keep your child
at home or make appropriate child care arrangements.

1. APPEARANCE, BEHAVIOR—unusually tired, pale, lack of appetite, difficult to wake, confused, irritable.
2. EYE—thick mucus or pus draining from the eye or pink eye (with pink eye or conjunctivitis you may see a white or yellow discharge, matted eyelids after sleep, eye pain, and/or redness).
3. FEVER—temperature of 100 degrees Fahrenheit or higher. Remember that a child must be fever free for 24 hours before returning to school.
4. GREENISH NOSE DISCHARGE AND/OR CHRONIC COUGH—should be seen by a health care provider. These conditions may be contagious and require treatment.
5. SORE THROAT—especially with fever or swollen glands in the neck. With strep throat the child may return to school after 24 hours on antibiotics.
6. DIARRHEA—three or more watery stools in a 24 hour period, especially if the child acts or looks ill.
7. VOMITING—vomiting two or more times within the past 24 hours.

8. RASH—body rash, especially with fever or itching. Heat rashes and allergic reactions are not contagious.

9. EAR INFECTIONS WITHOUT FEVER—do not need to be excluded but the child needs to get medical treatment and follow up. Untreated ear infections can cause permanent hearing loss.

10. LICE, SCABIES—children may not return to school until they have been treated and are free of lice and nits (eggs).

11. CHICKEN POX—children must stay at home for five days after the onset of blisters or until all pox are scabbed and dry.

Thank you for acknowledging these symptoms and for your part in helping your child stay healthy and other children stay healthy.

Remember to contact the school if.....

.Your child is absent from school. Please call before 9:00 a.m. to report any absences.

. Your telephone number and/or address has changed. If your child becomes ill or we need to communicate with you, the correct telephone number and address is very important. If you have changed jobs recently, please contact the school with the new information.

. Your child is in need of a heavy coat, gloves, or hat for the winter. Recess will be held outside, weather permitting, and it is much more comfortable and safe for all children to have the appropriate winter wear.

HELP OUR SCHOOL EARN...

Help our school earn money and other needed articles. We collect Boxtops for Education which are on specially marked items from General Mills and many other products . Each of these box tops are worth at least \$.10 each. More information and ways to help our school earn money may be found at www.boxtops4education.com

We also collect Labels for Education which feature, among other brands, Campbell soups. More information may be found at www.labelsforeducation.com

As a community service effort, we also collect aluminum can tabs that are then sent to the Ronald McDonald House for their use.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM READING SCHOOL

Calendar of Events

- Jan. 3 School Resumes
- Jan. 7 Site Based Council 6/pm PTO 6:30pm
- Jan. 9 Class Pictures
- Jan. 21 No School
- Jan. 29 Lyon County Spelling Bee, Sacred heart School at Emporia 9:30am

PTO Monday, January 7th 6:30 pm



Box Tops for Education (www.boxtops4education.com)

- 1) Go to the website
- 2) Be sure that you register for Reading School
- 3) Click on Marketplace
- 4) Type in the store from which you are wanting to order
- 5) Shop and order just like you normally would

Costs you nothing extra and the school gets a rebate for your order.

NEW HUNTING/FISHING LICENSE REQUIRED FOR 2013

Hunting and fishing license exemption age changed to 75

Beginning January 1, 2013, Kansas resident hunters and anglers age 65-74 will be required to purchase hunting and fishing licenses. Before this law changed, residents 65 and older were exempt from fishing and hunting license requirements. However, hunters and anglers 65 and older are our fastest growing age group, and changes were necessary to ensure federal aid is not lost and to avoid future budget shortfalls.

Legislation that abolished the exemption provides bargain licenses for seniors. In fact, the best bargain is the Senior Lifetime Pass, a hunting/fishing combination license good for the rest of the holder's life that will cost \$42.50, including vendor and issuance fees. Residents 65 and older can also opt for an annual fishing or hunting license at half the regular price, \$11.50, or an annual hunting/fishing combination license for \$20.50. Residents 75 and older are still exempt.

The new senior licenses, along with all the 2013 licenses and permits will go on sale Dec. 14, and they are valid for the remainder of 2012 and all of 2013. They can be purchased at more than 600 vendors across the state or on-line at www.ksoutdoors.com.

Girl Scouts

We've made it halfway through another year of Reading Girl Scouts.










































Our Brownies have earned their snack badge and their \ painting badge, and Daisy girls are working on their petal badges and a journey pathway. We've also earned a community service patch for baking and sharing pumpkin bread with our neighbors.

The Girl Scout Cookie Sale is quickly approaching. Sales will start on Feb 2nd this year and the girls will have cookies with them while they are selling. No more place and order and wait a few weeks!! Cookies will also be available at The Citizens State Bank and Trust Co. here in town as well as from Heather Jones or Amy Crawford. We are so blessed to have such a supportive community. Thank you!

There will be a required parent meeting for details on the new cookie sale on Jan 9th at 4:45 following our first meeting of the new year.



January 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 Facebook Reading, Kansas Community Page		Cafe Closed 1 NO SCHOOL  Antlerless Only Deer Season Opens New Year's Day	Coffee Club 9:30-10:30am 2 NO SCHOOL Teacher Inservice RFD training  Trash Pickup 	City Council 7pm   FHJL Make Up Date	BB-NHHS at Council Grove 4:45 	RFD training  Library 10-noon 
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
	 NHHS Site Based Council FHJL Tournament at Mission Vly 3:30  Reading Site Based Council 6/PTO 6:30 	 Steering Committee Meeting 6pm  BB-Lyndon at NHHS 4:45pm NLC PTO 7pm 	Coffee Club 9:30-10:30am Reading Group Pictures DCC Meeting  NLC Site Based Council 5:30  UMW 6:30 Trash Pickup 	FHJL Tournament at Mission Vly 3:30  Recycling Trailer 	 registration due for 2/9/13 Test BB-NHHS at W Franklin 4:45 	FHJL Tournament at Mission Vly 9am  Library 10-noon 
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
 Deer Season Closes		 Flint Hills	Coffee Club 9:30-10:30am Shoot Out League BB Tournament 		 Info for Newsletter due!	 Library 10-noon
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
January Newsletter Due	NO SCHOOL Teacher Inservice Martin Luther King Day		Coffee Club 9:30-10:30am  Granger Smith concert Trash Pickup 	 FHL Scholars Bowl at Mission Vly 4pm Recycling Trailer 		 Library 10-noon
27	28	29	30	31	City of Reading website address www.cityofreadingks.com 	
	 NLC Quiz Bowl at Herington 4:30 School Board Meeting 7pm	Lyon County Spelling Bee   BB-NHHS at Burlingame 5pm	Coffee Club 9:30-10:30am After School Teacher Inservice Trash Pickup 	Scholars Bowl Regional Competition  Recycling Trailer at NHHS 		

Send information for

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**Reminder:
 Information
 for newsletter due
 Friday the 18th!**



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