

November 2025 Newsletter

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Help bring Christmas joy to McPherson County Kids!



The Legion Riders' November Toys for Kids Parade/Auction along with the Legion Auxiliary's December Toy Distribution – part of the McPherson County Angel Tree Christmas Project – help bring holiday joy to McPherson County kids and families in need.

November 1st-28th: Auction Items Needed: The American Legion Riders are seeking auction item donations from local businesses and community members for their November 29th auction to raise funds for Toys for Kids—a program that provides gifts to low-income children birth through age 12. Contact Tresa Rauh at (620) 419-6191 to donate auction items that will make a difference.

November 29th: 38th Annual McPherson County Toys for Kids:

Riders should bring an unwrapped gift and gather at the McPherson Walmart parking lot at 12 PM to enjoy coffee, hot cocoa, & fellowship. A parade starts at 1 PM and the Riders will travel towards the Legion where Sloppy Joes await everyone. Please encourage everyone to join us for the auction, beginning slightly after 1 p.m. at American Legion Post 24, 401 N. Main St, McPherson KS. This auction is open to the public. If icy conditions are present, join us at Legion at 1 PM. December 15th to 20th: Toy Distribution: The Legion Auxiliary will be distributing gifts to families in need as part of the McPherson County Angel Tree Christmas Project. Do you know a low-income person or family who could use a helping hand to make the holidays brighter? The McPherson County Resource Council coordinates the following programs: Food Baskets, Angel Tree, Toys for Kids, Gifts Intended for Teens, and more. If you know a family that needs this support, encourage them to sign up. Families do need to make an appointment to receive support.

Special Member Events in November

Nov 7, 14, 21, & 28 Friday Dinners 5:30pm - \$12 most Fridays
Nov 4 & 25 – Adult Trivia: Starts at 6:30pm in the Banquet Hall
Team Competitions – 1st & 4th Tuesday (\$2/person) (Note: Not 2nd Tues)

Nov 8 & 22 – Karaoke Night: Starts at 7pm in the Lounge

Nov 12 & 26 - Legion Corn hole: 6:00 PM Register, 6:30 PM Play

Nov 13 – Queen of Hearts Draw: 2nd Thursday-5:45pm. The lucky winner gets half the jackpot if they pick the Queen of Hearts off the board OR \$50 if the Queen is not drawn. Chances are \$5 each or 5/\$20. Odds increase each week!

Nov 18 – Veteran's Story Night: 5:30pm Meal, 6:30pm Stories No Fee, Always looking for Speakers & Sponsors

Nov 19 - Bring Your Own Vinyl (BYOV) – 6 to 8pm: 3rd Wed each month. We play a variety of your music that you bring for the enjoyment of all from 6-8pm. Get your vinyl cleaned for \$1 per vinyl.

Nov 20 – Family Night Dinner for Optimist Club: 5-6:30pm, \$6 Fee Hamburger/Hot Dog/Fries/Drink/Dessert (Pick 4, 2 meat limit)

Special Legion Band Nights:

Nov 1 - Artifact, Nov 15 - Mac Jazz, Nov 29 - King Midas

Veterans Free Steak Night & Veterans Day

Veterans Steak Night – Saturday November 8th: The Pfizer VIP (Veterans in Pfizer) program in McPherson will provide a free complete 14oz rib eye steak dinner including backed potato, green beans, roll, and cake for the 4th consecutive year for every veteran plus one guest. Serving time is 5:00 pm until 7:00 pm at the American Legion. Reservations are NOT required.

Veterans Day – Tuesday November 11th:

The Veterans Day parade has been canceled by the McPherson Area Veterans Committee for a number of reasons, but primarily because our aging veteran population is unable to walk the parade route.

8-10 AM: Free Breakfast at Legion: Start your day with a free breakfast for veterans and family members at the American Legion Post from 8:00 am – 10:00 am. Once again Gentiva Hospice is providing the breakfast free of charge as they have for many years now. THANK YOU GENTIVA STAFF!

11 AM: Veterans Day Ceremony with Speaker: 11 AM Ceremony at the Park Department Building. Keynote speaker will be Jeremy Bower, CH(LTC), Kansas Army National Guard, Retired. Bower is currently the Associate Pastor at Countryside Covenant Church and Chaplain of the McPherson American Legion.

6:30 PM: Free Dinner at Legion: The free evening meal will be at the American Legion starting at 6:30 pm – includes fried chicken, mashed potatoes, com, cookies. Everything will be provided so come support our veterans and active-duty military personnel.



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Commander's Corner Dan Hervey, Post Commander

Memorials & Celebration of Life: We are pleased family members are naming American Legion Post 24 as a memorial when a loved one passes and we have an excellent facility to hold a Celebration of Life. Discuss your wishes now so family members will know your desires.

Legion Family Memberships: Pay membership fees NOW for 2026 if you haven't already. Legion \$50, Aux \$40, SAL \$35 and Social \$50.

New Website for Post 24: Check out our new website. It has many things available which weren't listed before including the newsletter, explanations about each Legion Family unit, history, monthly sponsors and weekly updates. Thank You Mark and Sandy Hunter!

Check it out! alpost24.com

<u>Nomination Committee:</u> Roy Wash, Jim LaDuke and Danny Schafer have been appointed to the Nomination Committee. If you have a desire to serve in a leadership role at the Post, let these individuals know. If they ask you to be a candidate, please say yes. Floor nominations will be allowed at the November and December meetings with elections held at the December 15th Post meeting. Leadership, membership and participation is what keeps any organization going. *Thanks for all you do!* (Post Meetings 3rd Monday, 6 PM)



Legion Rider Rumbles Ken Gawanda, Director

Next Meeting Nov 23rd at 1:00 PM (4th Sun, 1:00 PM)

Note our next meeting is on the 4th Sunday, Nov 23rd – Not the last Sunday. Remember the Toy Run is on Nov 29!



Auxiliary Notes Tresa Rauh, President

Next Meeting Nov 3rd at 6:30 PM (1st Monday, 6:30 PM)

Next meeting will be on Monday, Nov 3 and on the 1st in Dec. Bring membership dues, and a friend. We have a lot to plan with Veteran's Day, Nov 11; Toy Run, Nov 29; Toy Distribution, Dec 15-20; and other events. We are also looking for volunteers for Bingo. Contact Tresa at 620-419-6191 if you have questions or would like to help.



Sons of American Legion Mike Price, SAL Commander Next Meeting Nov 17th at 7 PM (3rd Monday, 7 PM)

All SAL Members are encouraged to ensure your 2026 dues are paid and attend our Nov 17th meeting at 7PM.

CHAMBER of COMMERCE



Chamber Connection

McPherson Chamber Coffee at Legion

McPherson American Legion Post 24 will host the McPherson Chamber of Commerce's Chamber Connection on Nov 6. We encourage all chamber members and neighboring businesses to join us at the Legion at 9:30 AM on Nov 6 to learn about our programs, available resources, see some of our completed renovations, and mingle with fellow entrepreneurs before the holiday rush.

Corn Hole at the Legion

We will try one more month of getting cornhole going again. It will be the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month, so the 12th and 26th. Cost to play is \$10. A sponsor will give \$200 per time and remaining money from registration goes for prizes. Let's get this going again.

Chiefs Games at the Legion

All of the remaining scheduled Chief's games are on Sundays or holidays. We will not be opening the bar for Chief's Games on Sundays due to low attendance and we will not be open on Thanksgiving. You can enjoy the Sunday games at home on local TV.

Halloween Dance, Saturday Nov 1st

Artifact, a very popular local band, plays at the Legion with a cover charge of \$10 per person. We will pay \$50 for best costume 1st place and \$25 for 2nd place. Awards will be determined by employees of the legion. This is always a popular event. Time is 8:00 PM to Midnight.

Looking Ahead: Schedule for Dec

We will not be having Family Night Community Dinner or Veteran's Story Night in December due to scheduling conflicts with Toy Distribution and an overall very busy holiday season. We will still be having Friday meals with a tentative schedule of Italian on Dec 5.



Taco Bar on Dec 12, Chicken Fried Steak on Dec 19, and Sub Sandwiches on Dec 26. We will also have Adult Trivia on Dec 9 and 23 at 6:30 PM, Karaoke on Dec 13 at 7 PM, Veteran's Social Night on Dec 2 & 16, and meetings at the regular times (Aux Dec 1, Post/SAL Dec 15, Riders Dec 28). We will be closed on Christmas Day but will be open New Year's Eve and will have the usual New Year's Day Breakfast at 9 AM with Bloody Mary's and Screwdrivers available. This has been a favorite to welcome in the new year.



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Join us at the Legion: Activities, Meals, Gatherings & Meetings Scheduled each week • Bingo every Sunday in November • Veteran Social Night 1st Tuesday, Story Night 3rd Tuesday - 6:30pm talks, 5:30pm meal • Adult Trivia Team Competitions - 1st & 4th Tuesday 6:30pm (\$2/person) • Cornhole - 2nd & 4th Wednesday 6:00pm Registration, 6:30pm Play Begins (\$10/person) • Bring Your Own Vinyl (BYOV) - 3rd Wednesday 6-8pm (No Cover Charge) • Buy1/Get1 Happy Hour (members only) Every Thurs, Queen of Hearts Draw (members only) 2nd Thurs • Family Night Meal 3rd Thurs benefiting Optimist Club (Angel Tree) this month (\$6 meal) • Different Friday Foods Every Week - \$12 most weeks this month - Reservations Requested						1 – Saturday 8:00 AM – 10:00 AM VFW Breakfast 9:00 AM Legion Maintenance 8:00 PM – Midnight Halloween Party Band: Artifact \$10 Cover Charge
	riday Foods Every F Wells (members 3-Monday 6:30 PM Auxiliary Meeting	·			7 - Friday Friday Food \$12 5:30pm Soup & Salad	8 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM Veterans Steak Night 7:00 PM Karaoke
9 BINGO: 1:00 PM Sales Start 2:00 PM Early Bird 2:45 PM Regular Games	10 Marines 250 th Year Birthday at VFW Drinks \$0.50 Off 6-8 PM	11 – Veteran's Day 8:00 AM – 10:00AM Breakfast at Legion 11:00 AM Service at Mac Park Dept. Bldg. 6:30 PM Legion Free Veteran's Day Dinner	12 6:00 PM Cornhole Registration 6:30 PM Cornhole Play begins	13 4:00 PM – 7:00 PM Happy Hour BOGO 5:45 PM Queen of Hearts Draw	14 Friday Food \$12 5:30pm Pot Roast Mark Wash Memorial Service	15 8:00 AM – 10:00 AM VFW Breakfast 7:00 PM – 10:00 PM Band: Mac Jazz Free Will Donation
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23 1:00 PM Legion Riders Meeting BINGO: 1:00 PM Sales Start 2:00 PM Early Bird 2:45 PM Regular Games	24	25 6:30 PM Adult Trivia	26 6:00 PM Cornhole Registration 6:30 PM Cornhole Play begins	27 - Thanksgiving Legion Closed Note: No Chiefs Game in Bar 11:30 AM-1:30 PM. Community Dinner at Community Building - Free	28 Friday Food \$6 5:30pm Hot Dogs Sausages & Trimmings	29 – Toys for Kids 12:00 PM Toy Run Start at Walmart 1:00 PM Parade Starts Auction & Sloppy Joes @ Legion after Parade 8:00 PM – Midnight Band: King Midas \$10 Cover Charge
NO BINGO THIS SUNDAY	NO BINGO All Bingo Sessions, Family Nights, Toy Run/Auction events are open to the Public: Other events are for					



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Special thanks to this month's Veteran Story Night Sponsors

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Consider Sponsoring a Story Night for \$100. At Least 4 Sponsors are needed each month.

Use Your Legion: We provide numerous activities at the Post such as Bingo, Karaoke, Trivia, Family Night, Corn Hole, Veterans Story Night, Happy Hour and Friday Night Food. Your participation keeps our Post operating. Thank you to those that have scheduled weddings, birthday parties, Celebration of Life and named the Post in Memorials. Book the Legion Hall for your events! Contact us at 620-241-0343.





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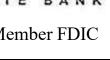
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Post 24 November Upcoming Events

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Live Music at the American Legion

Sat Nov 1 – 8 PM-Midnight Sat Nov 15 – 7 PM-10 PM Sat Nov 29 – 8 PM-Midnight

Artifact - Pop/Rock

from 70^s, 80^s, 90^s, & 2000^s \$10 Cover Charge

Mac Jazz

A Jazz Gathering in Mac Free Will Donation

King Midas – 60's-era Rock

Toy Run Rock \$10 Cover Charge



Nov 2, 9, 16 & 23 - Bingo Sunday

2:00 PM Early Bird, 2:45 PM Regular Games

These games are open to the Public – No Bingo on November 30



Nov 4 & 25 – Adult Trivia

Starts at 6:30pm in the Banquet Hall, \$2/person This is a member only event but guests are welcome.



Nov 8 & 22 – Karaoke Night

Starts at 7pm in the Lounge, No Cover Charge This is a member only event but guests are welcome.



Nov 18 – Veteran's Story Night

5:30pm Meal, 6:30pm Stories No Fee, Always looking for Speakers and Sponsors This is a member only event but guests are welcome.



Nov 19 – Bring Your Own Vinyl

You decide which vintage hits to share. 6:00-8:00pm, No Cover Charge This is a member only event but guests are welcome.



Nov 20 – Public Family Night Meal

5-6:30pm Supporting McPherson Optimist Club \$6 Meal - Pick 4: Hamburger, Hotdog, Fries, Drink, Dessert (2 meats max)



Nov 29 - Toys for Kids Auction!

1pm Public Auction & Sloppy Joe Feed



Nov 7, 14, 21 & 28 - Friday Meals

This is a member only event but guests are welcome Different meals each Friday (\$12) - Reservations Requested



Join the Legion & receive our monthly newsletter: Almost everyone is eligible to join the Legion as a Veteran, Aux/SAL Member, or Guest member. Inquire at American Legion Post 24, Mon-Sat, 4-8pm.

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Saturday - November 29, 2025

Raising money for Angel Tree/Legion Auxiliary Toys for Kids Distributin in December

Gather at McPherson Walmart at 12 PM

Coffee & Hot Cocoa provided Parade Starts at 1 PM

Please bring an unwrapped gift

Sloppy Joe
Feed & Auction
at American
Legion
following
Parade

Contact 620-419-6191 or 620-242-7715 for 620-242-mation

If icy conditions are present, join us at American Legion Post 24 at 1pm

Donations of Auction Items accepted through November 28th





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