



## AMERICAN LEGION

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Hello, everyone! It's newsletter time again. We hope everyone is finally drying out after an extremely wet spring. Hopefully, warmer weather will soon be here!

In the last newsletter we included a survey asking what you expect from your Post. It is sad to report that only two of you filled out the survey. It would be a tremendous help if we could get more input from our members. It's not too late to send in your survey! Remember, this is your Post!

Vice-Commander Dave Bloshenko issued a challenge to all. We have received some donations to assist with repairs here, but again, the response was small compared to the number of members that we have. You will find a list of those who have donated at the end of the newsletter.

We had an **All-Post meeting** in February. The turnout was wonderful; however, the number of members who attended the March All-Post meeting was dismal. **These meetings occur every second Thursday of the month at 6:00 pm.** It is important that all parts of the Legion family attend. The Legionnaires, Sons, and Auxiliary are trying to work together regarding important decisions concerning the Post. Please consider being more active!

A few changes are taking place. We now are serving hot food again in the bar. We purchased a hot air fryer and offer chicken strips, fish fillets, chicken nuggets, cheese sticks and French fries. We encourage you to come on in and try it out!

**Our hours are changing as of May 1<sup>st</sup>.** We will open at noon Monday through Friday and at 1 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. Closing times are not changing. We will once again be serving salads and sandwiches. If anyone is interested in making a salad or bringing in ingredients for sandwiches, we thank you in advance. Bring in your receipts for reimbursements.

**Elections for Post Officers and Auxiliary Officers** will be at their meetings in May. Get involved! Sign up for a position and vote for the officers of your choice. Auxiliary elections will be May 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. Post elections will be May 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. **Please note also that the Post meetings will be held at 6:00 p.m. starting in May instead of at 6:30 p.m.**

### We have two upcoming events.

**Cheney May Fest** is May 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>. On Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup> we will be barbecuing and selling hamburgers. Volunteers are encouraged to share in prepping and cooking for this. We will start-up the grill at 11:00 a.m. The volunteer sign-up sheet is in the lounge.

We will be hosting the **Memorial Day Breakfast** with a parade to Fairview Cemetery to follow. Things are a bit different this year. The Cemetery Association has decided that they can no longer do the breakfast for a variety of reasons so the Legion is performing this community service. Monies from the

breakfast will still go to the Cemetery Association so that they can continue to maintain our cemeteries. (We need volunteers to help request and round-up donations from the community: eggs, sausage, pancake mix, butter, and orange juice). Also, volunteers are needed to assist in cooking and cleaning-up. The Boy Scouts will be helping with serving. It would be honorable to have a decent showing of members to join in the walk to the cemetery. Apparently, the turnout has become smaller as the years have gone by. The Legion Honor Guard will be participating and members of the Auxiliary will be presenting a short program at the cemetery. In addition, the police will be escorting the procession.

\*\*We are hoping that each part of the family will **make and donate a Gift Basket** to be raffled off during the breakfast. We are inviting the VFW to also donate a basket and help with the breakfast.

### **Tuesday Night Bingo in the Bar**

Congratulations to Jim Ballard for winning the Progressive Bingo Pot of \$160 on April 11! We will play the last Bingo Game on June 20 before we take a break until fall when we will resume on September 12<sup>th</sup>. By the way, bingo always begins at 5:30 and if you want to be part of the progressive pot, you must donate a dollar at the beginning of the game!

**Rodeo Weekend** is not that far away either. We plan to have a Beer Garden with live music again. Help setting-up and breaking down is always needed. The Sons are planning on cooking and selling Ribs, Potato Salad and Baked Beans this year.

### **Hosting an Event at the Legion**

If you want to host an event at the Legion, we encourage you to do so! Special food events help bring in a little added income which is always needed. If you have an idea and are interested in doing something, please let DD know the details in advance so it can be announced in the newsletter. She will explain what needs to be done! (In addition, the hall can also be used for receptions, baby showers, birthdays, and reunions.)

We would like to give a heartfelt **Thank You to the following for their donations to the building maintenance fund.**

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Hip Sarmiento

Because of their donations, we now have new handles on the cooler doors; exit lights which are up to code; supplies purchased to replace the floor in the men's room; and, the bingo machine is now in proper working order.

**Thank you for supporting Post 72. Together we can make a difference!**