

## McLean County community calendar: Events and activities to see and do

### McLean County area food pantry November distribution dates, times and locations:

- **Community Cupboard of Underwood food distribution:** 10 a.m.-noon Nov. 2. Thanksgiving turkey basket, 10 a.m.-noon Nov. 23, with preregistration recommended, and 10 a.m.-noon Dec. 7, 208 Lincoln Ave. Like us on Facebook (Community Cupboard of Underwood) for distribution dates, thrift store and other information.
- **Community Food Pantry serving Ryder, Makoti, Roseglen, Plaza, White Shield, Parshall and those in need:** 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Nov. 23, 181 Ellsworth St., Makoti.
- **Community Thrift Store serving Ryder, Makoti, Roseglen, Plaza, White Shield, Parshall and the region:** 3-6 p.m. Tuesday, 4-7 p.m. Thursday and 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, except holidays, 181 Ellsworth St., Makoti.
- **Free Community Clothing Share and Exchange Store,** every Thursday (except Thanksgiving Day), noon-6 p.m., 221 Main St., Turtle Lake.
- **Garrison Area Resource Center & Food Pantry:** Noon-2 p.m. and 5-7 p.m. Nov. 21, Garrison.
- **McLean Family Resource Center:** McLean County residents can contact the center, 701-462-8643, for an appointment to pick up baskets and for more information or assistance through the center, 205 Seventh St., Washburn.
- **McLean Family Resource Center Clothing Outlet:** 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday, and 10 a.m.-1 p.m. first Saturday of every month, 205 Seventh St., Washburn.
- **Our Savior Lord's Food Pantry:** Noon-3 p.m. and 5-7 p.m. Nov. 18, City Hall, 215 Main St., Max.
- **The Lord's Pantry:** 2-4 p.m. Nov. 14, 10 a.m.-noon Nov. 23, Trinity Lutheran Church, 515 Kundert St., Turtle Lake
- **Wilton Food Pantry, Wilton:** "Mini" distributions every Friday, 11:30 a.m. until gone. Full food distribution, 4-6 p.m. Nov. 21, Senior Citizens Center, 42 Dakota Ave., Wilton.

Area food pantries often experience high needs for the following items: baked beans, pork and beans, canned fruit, tuna, chicken, vegetables, cereal, oatmeal, granola and breakfast bars, juice, macaroni and cheese, hamburger and tuna helper, pancake mix, syrup, pasta, spaghetti,

Alfredo and pasta sauce, peanut butter, jelly, rice side dishes, soups and chili, and household items, such as body wash and soap, dish soap, laundry detergent, shampoo and conditioner, toilet paper, toothpaste and toothbrushes. Contact local food pantries for drop-off locations, information or a list of additional needs in your community.

### November and early December events:

- **Nov. 11:** Veterans Day.
- **Nov. 16:** Turkey bingo hosted by the Wilton Lions Club, Wilton Memorial Hall.
- **Nov. 23:** Turtle Lake Hospital Auxiliary Holiday Fair, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. with lunch, vendors and basket raffles. Proceeds benefit the various needs of the hospital's departments for the communities it serves.
- **Nov. 25:** Hunter's brunch, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., sponsored by the Audubon Refuge Partners, Audubon National Wildlife Refuge along the south shore of Lake Audubon. Hunters and non-hunters alike are invited to the annual freewill brunch on the first day the refuge is open for upland bird hunting.
- **Nov. 25:** Preschool Story Hour, 10:30 a.m., Max Community Library.
- **Nov. 26:** Book Club, 7 p.m., Max Community Library.
- **Nov. 28-29:** McLean Electric Cooperative closed to allow employees Thanksgiving family time.
- **Nov. 28-29, Dec. 6-7, 13-14:** Dickens Village Festival. Visit [www.dickensfestival.com](http://www.dickensfestival.com) for event details and schedule.
- **Nov. 28-29, Dec. 6-7, 13-14:** Fort Stevenson State Park Dickens Village Festival Geocache. Contact the park, 701-337-5576, for details or go to its Facebook page, [www.facebook.com/fort.stevenson](http://www.facebook.com/fort.stevenson).
- **Nov. 30:** Small Business Saturday Vendor and Craft Show hosted by Washburn Life (Washburn Area Improvement Association), 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Washburn Memorial Hall.
- **Dec. 6:** Angel of Hope Memorial, 7:30 p.m., Wilderness Park, Garrison.
- **Dec. 7:** Santa Day, Washburn Memorial Hall.
- **Dec. 8:** Annual Christmas tree lighting ceremony sponsored by the Riverdale-Pick City Women's Club, Riverdale. Check *The Riverdale Times* for location and other details.

Nonprofit organizations and communities throughout McLean County can contact Patricia Stockdill at [stockdill.patricia@gmail.com](mailto:stockdill.patricia@gmail.com) or 701-337-5462 to submit community events. ■