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WOODWARD MOOSE LODGE 452 | CHAPTER 2121 | LOYAL ORDER OF MOOSE WOODWARD | OKLAHOMA



SEVENTH ANNUAL **Homecoming** COOKOUT

MOOSEHEART, IL

Mooseheart homecoming: a time to reflect on the past, reconnect with old friends, and celebrate childhood.

“Homecoming has always been a time to celebrate our childhood home and to see old friends,” said Mark LaRosa. “Some people may not have seen each other for decades.”

LaRosa, along with others, returned to the school they called home many years ago.

“My wife and I graduated in 1980,” he said of his own personal experiences. “We cried together

laughed together, shared good and bad experiences together.”

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ABOVE: Moose members from Illinois, Oklahoma, Kansas and Pennsylvania participated in the Seventh Annual Homecoming Cookout at Mooseheart last month. Bruce Snyder, pictured in the red apron, and Jack Pierce, third from left on the back row, represented Woodward Moose Lodge 452.

Photo courtesy of Mark LaRosa/Mooseheart Alumni Association

Welcome to Our New and Returning Lodge & Chapter Members

WOODWARD LODGE 452

Lavonda Day

Sponsor Steve Smith

Tammy Johnson

Sponsor Simmie Shrout

Jaci Roach

Sponsor Faith Roach

Anita Johnson

Sponsor Robyn Morris

Lynn Pittman

Sponsor Robyn Morris

Stephen Pack

Sponsor Bruce Snider

Heather Pack

Sponsor Bruce Snyder

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Zetha Gann

Sponsor Carol Harris

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MOOSE LEGION
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Administrator returns with three cases of Tommy Moose Plush dolls to be donated to emergency units

Lodge Administrator Bruce Snider returned from Mooseheart last month with three dozen Tommy Moose dolls to be donated to emergency units.

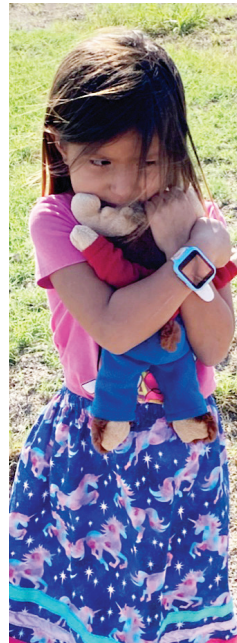
Tommy Moose® is a friendly, playful, cuddly moose doll whose sole purpose is to bring comfort to children in times of stress, uncertainty, or anxiety. He personifies one of the cornerstone tenants of the Loyal Order of Moose: caring for children.

The National Institutes of Health recognizes that “helping children begins at the scene of the event” to combat the fear, helplessness and

anxiety a child may feel during a stressful time. Other research has demonstrated

that role-playing with cuddly plush dolls enables children to express feelings they may otherwise suppress.

In addition to the Tommy Moose dolls, Snider also brought back coloring books that will go to schools and daycares, and bookmarks that have internet safety tips to pass out at libraries and schools.



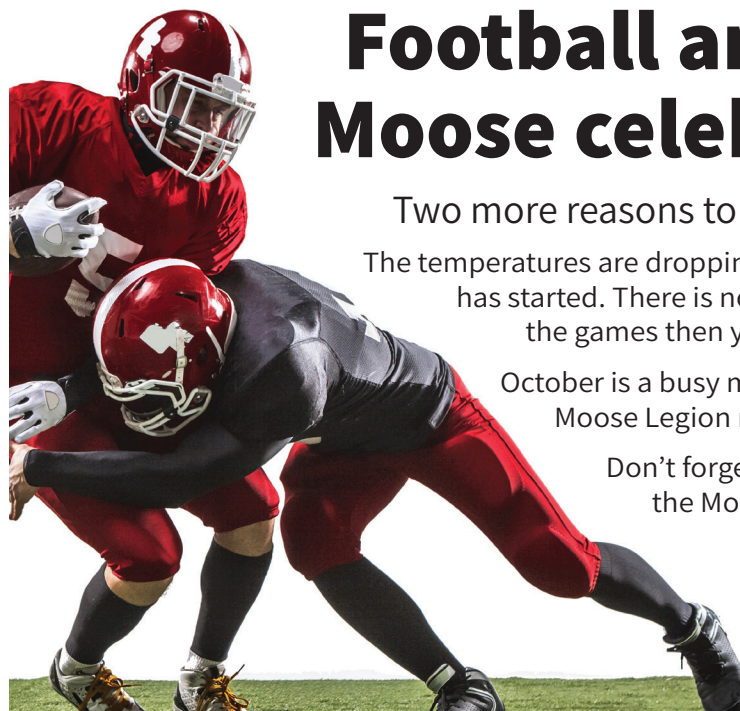
Pictured is a young girl being comforted by Tommy Moose given to her by Volunteer Fire Chief of Fargo, Steve Stewart after she was involved in a car accident. Stewart is Vice President of Woodward Lodge 452.

Photo courtesy of Steve Stewart

Moose Legion

NICK SHROUT | TREASURER/MOOSE LEGION CHAIRMAN LODGE 452

Football and other Moose celebrations



Two more reasons to head to the Lodge

The temperatures are dropping, and football season has started. There is no better place to watch the games than you local Moose Lodge.

October is a busy month starting with the Moose Legion meeting on October 2.

Don't forget to join us in Tulsa for the Moose Legion celebration October 22-24.

Check your calendar for other events this month.

From the Editor

KIMBERLY KELLY

Sometimes you just have to know when it is time to move the cheese

I have heard a lot about all the change that continues to happen throughout our Moose lodges. Some good, some bad, and some still undecided.

All the talk sends me back to a major workflow and personnel restructure I was a part of back in my newspaper days.

They had us read the book "Who Moved My Cheese" by Spencer Johnson. It was a mandatory read in order to reapply for the jobs we already had or for a new position that maybe we wanted.

We all knew the change was coming. Some were excited, some not so much.

The lessons I learned in that book apply to just about everything that life brings.

Here are a few to consider and what it could potentially mean when it comes to the change within The Moose.

Change happens. Without change there is no progress. Without progress life becomes stagnant.

When our Moose Lodges become stagnant our members stop coming. When they stop coming they lose interest. When they lose interest they drop their membership.

We must make changes to keep our Moose homes viable. A simple interior re-fresh, quick coat of paint, new landscaping, or a good cleaning is all some Lodges need to make the atmosphere inviting to new members.

Or maybe what is needed is a revamp of special events, tournaments, and community service projects.

The change to a unified Moose between men and women is a positive change that will keep the fraternity vibrant and alive for years to come.

While we anticipated the change to take place, it seems now that it is moving full speed ahead and we have to learn how to adapt to these changes as they happen.

That does not mean that the change is easy. There will be areas where we have to focus on what is best for the fraternity as a whole, not just what might be best for our own units.

Moving the cheese helps us focus on the end result. And we have to remember what the bigger picture is.

That picture includes caring for our children at Mooseheart, our seniors at Moosehaven, and the very communities in which we live.

They depend on us to be there for them, to grow with them, and to help them prosper. We cannot do that unless we change.

Trying to find the cheese when someone moves it isn't always an easy task. Especially when it continues to move as it evolves into a stronger piece of the overall package.

But if you haven't noticed it yet, this new movement of cheese already seems to be attracting a new younger and motivated generation.

What it means is there is a fresh and energized group of members starting to flow into our fraternity and that will help drive the momentum of change into the future so we can continue to do what we do best.

So let's change things up a bit and start passing the cheese platter to the person on your right for now. Oh, and while you are at it, please don't forget to share the crackers.

Renew Your Membership Today!

Our Neighbors in need.
Our 190 Children
at Mooseheart
and Our 250 Seniors
at Moosehaven
need Our Support.
If Not US then Who!!!

When you receive your renewal, complete form and return immediately with check or money order to Moose International.

Write your ID# and Lodge452, Chapter 2121 in memo Area.

Mail to:
Moose International
Dues Processing Center
PO Box 88065
Chicago, IL
60680-1065

Pay online
mooseintl.org

Click Pay Dues
enter ID#
and follow the
directions.



GOLF TOURNAMENT

SUNDAY, OCT 10 - 1-6PM

Two-Person Team \$100

INCLUDES 18 HOLES OF GOLF, GOLF CART AND GREENS FEES

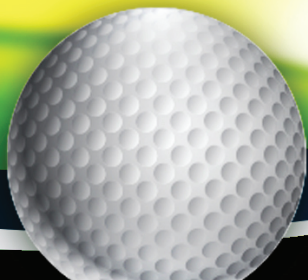
REGISTER YOUR TEAM 11AM-1PM AT CRYSTAL BEACH

Have fun with Closest to the Hole and other fun things on various holes as you play throughout the course.

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FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL 580-334-4701

JEANNINE LATTA



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LaRosa and his wife Sherry took over the Alumni Association after they found a need to bridge the gap between Mooseheart graduates and students.

While this year's celebrations focused on former students, dedications, donations, and ceremonies, it also gave several state associations the opportunity to be part of the celebration just as it had in years past.

"Homecoming and graduation are a chance to be with the very kids we support," Woodward Moose Lodge's Administrator Bruce Snider said.

Snider, along with Lodge Trustee Jack Pierce, were at the school and cooked throughout the weekend.

"I love going up to see the children and see our friends at Moose International and Mooseheart,"

Jack Pierce said. "It is something to look forward to every year."

They weren't alone in their efforts. Members from Illinois, Oklahoma/Southern Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri/North Kansas, MD/DE/DC, Iowa, North Carolina, and Pennsylvania all traveled to Mooseheart for Homecoming.

"It's a big factor that helps unite our Oklahoma/Southern Kansas Moose Association," Pierce said.

But there's a much bigger picture when it comes to why they make the annual trek north.

"It gives me a chance to realize how petty our problems are compared to the problems these kids have endured in their childhood," Snider said.

LaRosa remembered the times when Lodge members would come to the campus.

"We always loved when loose lodges would come," LaRosa said.

"We were kids. It meant we got a little extra, something special. I truly believe the kids absolutely enjoy it. Personally the impact is mostly on the Moose member. I really enjoy the smiles on the Moose members faces because of the kids."

"There is a lot of gratification in knowing that you've helped the children," Pierce said. "By providing a big meal for them, interacting with them, and getting to

know them - it is just very self-satisfying."

"I had a boy tell me two days ago that he had never eaten ribs," Bruce Snider said of his most recent experience. "He asked me if he could "borrow" a piece of foil to take the left over ribs on his plate to his house. He did not want to waste them. Only a Mooseheart kid. That's why I go."

"Going to Mooseheart kind of puts everything in perspective," LaRosa said. "We are products of Mooseheart. It really was a wonderful place to grow up."

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JACK PIERCE
WOODWARD MOOSE LODGE

Lodge Details

Woodward Moose Lodge 452

3702 1st Street Woodward, Oklahoma 73801 Phone: (580) 256-6969

Admission to the Lodge: All members of Loyal Order of the Moose in good standing and their qualified guests. Qualified Guests include the spouse of a member in good standing; a prospective member accompanied by his/her sponsor; prospective members must be properly signed in, cannot make purchases and their third visit must be to attend an orientation or enrollment. All guests must leave with member signing them in. Only LOOM members may make purchases. Former members may be a guest.
Social Quarters Dress Code: No clothing with ob-

scene, profane or offensive language or art. **MEN:** No tank tops, sleeveless or muscle shirts, cut off shorts or shirts, boxer (worn as outside clothing) or lounge (pajama) pants. **WOMEN:** No tube tops, halter tops, crop tops, sports bra (worn as outside clothing), cut off shorts, boxer (worn as outside clothing) or lounge (pajama) pants. Note: if any article of clothing not specifically mentioned above is deemed inappropriate by the House Committee, you may be asked to cover it and/or ask not to wear it again.

Lodge and Chapter Prayers

Please pray for our ill:

- ♥ Jean Smith
- ♥ Trish Parella and her brother
- ♥ Kristy Snider
- ♥ Bob Head's parents
- ♥ Gary Harris

Woodward Lodge #452 and Chapter #2121 wish to express our deepest sympathy to the Family and Friends of Justin Haskins
Kris McVicker for the passing of her father

Sickness and Distress

If you become aware of sickness or death of one of our members or member's family Please notify Prelate John McVicker or Treasurer Carol Harris office 580 256-6969.
This way we too may pay our respects.



OKLAHOMA - SOUTHERN KANSAS

RALLY DAYS

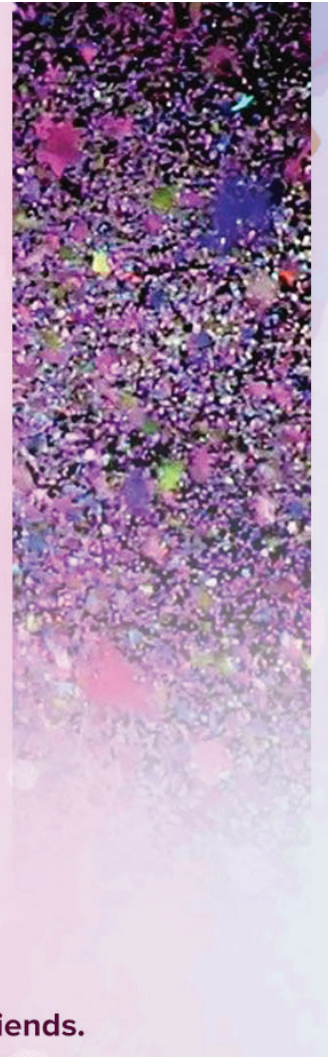


FRIDAY, OCTOBER 22 and
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23
at TULSA LODGE

It's time to **CELEBRATE!**

Celebrate the coming together of sisters
with a common goal, celebrate success, and
celebrate your passion as Women of the Moose.

The fun starts Friday at 4:00 p.m. with a special Meet & Greet with friends.
Information and more celebrations continue Saturday, from 9-12:00 p.m.



A FUN WEEKEND WITH LOTS OF INFORMATION AND GOOD DEEDS FOR OTHERS

Women of the Moose

NICOLE TWYMAN | SENIOR REGENT

Isn't it a wonderful time of year to be a Moose?

Hello everyone! It looks like fall is officially here! It's my favorite time of the year.

We have several things going on this month. Monday night meals are going on.

Please let me or Pam Pierce know if you would like to do one. We will be doing them now, through the end of March.

I'd like to thank everyone that has stepped up to cook a meal.

Chapter Rally Day will be this month in Tulsa, OK.

It will be October 22 and 23, during the Moose Legion Celebration.

I hope everyone plans on attending Rally Days. Whoever has the most representation, from their chapter, will get to bring back the Rally Day banner!

There will be a Pilgrim robing for Greg Carlton during Moose Legion on October 24, so if you plan to go to the Moose Legion celebration, please make sure you pack your regalia.

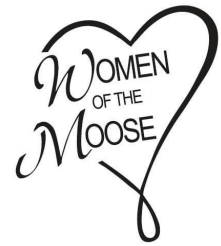
I would like to thank Zetha Gann for stepping up and taking the Mooseheart/Moosehaven chair position.

I also want to remind everyone that we have went back to having two chapter nights a month instead of one chapter night. They will be on the second and fourth Monday of each month at 7:30pm.

Remember sisters, the Lodge meetings are open to ALL members (and that includes women).

Those meetings are held on the first and third Monday's at 8pm.

Until next month, everyone take care!



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**MEMBERSHIP
RETENTION**
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Zetha Gann

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together.

October 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
WOTM MONDAY NIGHT MEALS EAT IN TAKE OUT		All proceeds to support our Community, Mooseheart, Moosehaven, Lodge & Chapter. CALL-IN ORDERS WELCOMED (850) 256-6969	Kitchen Open Darts 7-9PM	Cards Free Play Darts / Pool / Golf 6-9PM	1 Blind Draw Darts 9PM	2 Moose Legion Meal 6:30PM Meeting 7PM Free Play Darts / Pool / Golf 6-9PM
3	4 WOTM MEAL: SMOKED MEATLOAF Lodge Officers Mtg 7:30PM Lodge Mtg 8PM	5	6 Kitchen Open Darts 7-9PM	7 Cards Free Play Darts / Pool / Golf 6-9PM	8 Blind Draw Darts 9PM OKSMA POOL TOURNAMENT AT HUTCHINSON, KS MOOSE LODGE #982	9 FUNDRAISER Car Show Fish Fry Eat at 5PM Cornhole Benefit
10 GOLF TOURNAMENT 1-6PM AT CRYSTAL BEACH OKSMA POOL TOURNAMENT AT HUTCHINSON, KS MOOSE LODGE #982	11 WOTM MEAL: LASAGNA WOTM Officers Mtg 7PM WOTM 7:30PM	12	13 Kitchen Open Darts 7-9PM	14 Cards Free Play Darts / Pool / Golf 6-9PM	15 Blind Draw Darts 9PM OKSMA DARTS TOURNAMENT AT TULSA MOOSE LODGE #862	16 Free Play Darts / Pool / Golf 6-9PM
17 OKSMA DARTS TOURNAMENT AT TULSA MOOSE LODGE #862	18 WOTM MEAL: BEEF STEW Lodge Officers Mtg 7:30PM Lodge Mtg 8PM	19	20 Kitchen Open Darts 7-9PM	21 Cards Free Play Darts / Pool / Golf 6-9PM	22 Blind Draw Darts 9PM WOTM RALLY DAYS AT TULSA MOOSE LODGE #862 SOONER (OK) MOOSE LEGION #147 CELEBRATION AT TULSA MOOSE LODGE #862	23 Free Play Darts / Pool / Golf 6-9PM Cornhole Tournament
24 SOONER (OK) MOOSE LEGION #147 CELEBRATION AT TULSA MOOSE LODGE #862	25 WOTM MEAL: CHICKEN & NOODLES WOTM Officers Mtg 7PM WOTM 7:30PM	26	27 Kitchen Open Darts 7-9PM	28 Cards Free Play Darts / Pool / Golf 6-9PM	29 Blind Draw Darts 9PM	30 Free Play Darts / Pool / Golf 6-9PM
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