

MOOSE NEWS

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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT:

Greetings. February will be a busy month at the lodge; be sure to check out the February calendar so you won't miss out on the many events. There will be the Moose Riders chili cookoff competition, Valentine celebration, Super Bowl Party, Orientation, District meeting in Panama City, election nominating committee dates announced, and many raffles. Hopefully by the end of the month our kitchen will be updated after so many years. The fryers, grill, oven, and convection oven have served us well but the time to replace them has long passed. Do you have a menu suggestion or suggestion what needs to be deleted from the menus? Your opinion counts. Please drop a suggestion/comment in the suggestion box on the table by the queen of hearts board. Sadly, we lost three members in such a short period of time. Al Godwin, Wesley Leggett, and Dwight Rhoden will be missed by all of us. Each was admired by many and will be missed. Please continue to keep their families in your prayers. We are in our last quarter to cross the finish line to achieve four quarters of superior rating for heart of the community to attain our premier lodge award three years in a row. Membership is a key factor in this award. Currently we are in the plus, but we need to maintain this to achieve the premier award. Thank you, membership committee, for working hard on our lodge's retention. So, please continue to ask family and friends to join our lodge so we can maintain this plus in our membership.

Fraternally yours, Nancy

A MESSAGE FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR:

Welcome to the shortest month of the year, and Happy Ground Hog Day. I sure hope the cold weather is over.

February 7th the Lodge will be hosting the Road Runner's Chili Cook Off. This event raises thousands of dollars each year for Big Bend Hospice, so come out and eat some of the best chili in the south and support this cause. Good food, fun, fellowship, and music.

If all goes as planned, the new kitchen equipment should be in and being used by the time you read this newsletter.

At the last Lodge meeting in February, the Nominating Committee will be formed. After that date, forms to run for office will be posted along with the date and times of the Nominating Committee Meetings. Offices that will be open are President (this position must be someone who has held a lodge office in this lodge for one full term in another office), Vice President, Treasurer, Chaplain (the requirement for each of these offices is having been a member of this lodge for 6 months or more prior to the election), 3 Yr. Trustee (the only requirement for this office is to be a member in good standing). I suggest if you consider any of these offices you go to the Moose International web page at www.mooseintl.org and look up the General Laws and read up on the duties of the office.

As most of you know Chris is going to be out of work for 6 to 8 weeks. Also Kevin is probably going to be out for an extended period as well. Please keep them in your prayers for a full and speedy recovery.

There will be a gathering of Dwight Rhoden's family and friends here on Monday February 2nd after his services at the National Cemetery. The service is at 1 pm so we should be back at the lodge by 2 or 2:15 pm. If you can, come out and see Myra and the family. There will be some light food and refreshments.

We have had some members step up to help in the kitchen and I thank them for their efforts. If anyone else is interested, don't hesitate to ask what you can do.

Remember to be kind to your brothers and sisters in the Moose, after all we are family. We may not always see eye to eye on everything but always keep your eye on the big picture and help us prosper and grow.

As always, thanks to all who take time to volunteer at our lodge, no matter what you do, you are very much appreciated. You are what makes our lodge the best it is.

See you around the lodge.

Fraternally, Jerry

WELCOME OUR NEWEST MEMBERS TO OUR LODGE

If you happen to meet one of our newest members in the lodge, take a moment and thank them for choosing our lodge. We are honored you chose to join our lodge and look forward to many years ahead. If you are looking to volunteer, join one of the committees, join the Moose Riders, participate in a pool team, or have a suggestion for an activity, contact a board officer, your sponsor or Jerry. Ladies, you are now eligible to join the Women of the Moose. Gentlemen, you are now encouraged to become a Legion member. There are many ways of getting more involved and making a difference in your lodge and our community. We welcome each one of these new members and hope your membership lasts a lifetime.

**Travis Oaks Amanda Kelly Annie Brown
Barry Johnson Debra Kennon Hazel Harney
Judy Adderly Maggie Epps Teresa Long
Alicia Trice Carl McDaniel Cynthia Newman
Dr. Walter Sims Heather Morrell Herbert Trice Jr.
Jaden Trice Jason Garcia Judy Harris
Kevin Schaub Mike Donaldson Noah Hampton
Pedro Narezo Rhonda Brant Ricky Newman
Russell Eddy Tony Lemieux Vernon Brant**

WELCOME once again. Please be sure to attend an orientation to learn more about the Moose Mission. Orientations are held the last Saturday of the month at 6 pm in the lodge hall. Bring along your sponsor.

FROM HEART OF THE COMMUNITY:

For the months of January and February we are collecting essential items needed by Elder Care Services. These are items that are constantly used and most requested by the elderly in our community. Please bring in your items or make a donation by February 18th.

Items needed are: men's and women's disposable underwear, such as Depends, sizes small, medium and large; toilet paper; paper towels; and pet food.

We thank you for your donations and your continued generosity for our Lodge's causes.

On January 20th we delivered two cases of Tommy Moose to the Midway Volunteer Fire Department for them to give to children of traumatic experiences in their area.

Submitted by,
Glenn Mingledorff
Chairman of Heart of the Community



Sudoku #1

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To play Sudoku, fill a 9x9 grid with numbers 1-9 so that each row, each column, and each of the nine 3x3 subgrids contains every digit exactly once, using logic and deduction to place numbers and avoid repetition, not guessing.

A MESSAGE FROM THE WOMEN OF THE MOOSE:

WOTM MooseHeart/MooseHaven Committee

Valentine's Sweetheart Dinner and Dance

Friday, February 13, 2026

*Roasted Pork Loin, Mashed Potatoes,
Green Beans, Roll and Dessert \$12*

Music by Highway 59 Band

**WOMEN
OF THE
MOOSE**

Raffle

Supports Mooseheart and Moosehaven

A MESSAGE FROM THE WOMEN OF THE MOOSE:

Hope everyone had a Happy New Year. Now it's time to look toward Valentine's Day. In January we had a couple of the women recognized for their contribution to our Chapter. Kristy Smith was awarded the Chapter Woman of the Year certificate at our first meeting of the month, as well as Genny Mackland who received her Volunteer of the Month pin for her work on Christmas in October.

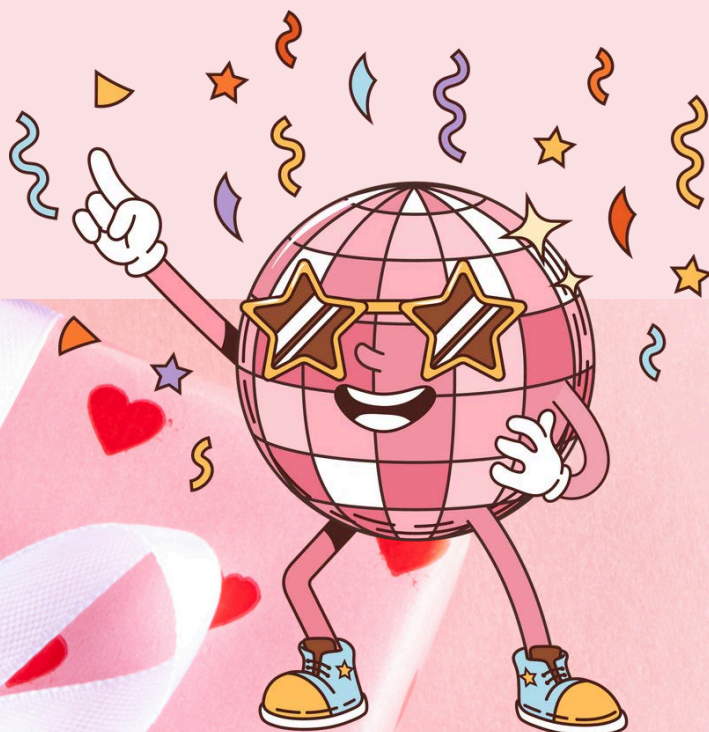
We celebrated our Golden Gavel month with a country fried steak dinner that was delicious thanks to Evette's cooking. We had a sell out that night. Then we had a Gumbo dinner the following Friday thanks to Kristy.

We had a successful yard sale on January 17th. I believe we had 111 vendors and quite a few shoppers. The weather turned out to be a beautiful day for a sale. We want to thank some of our guys who helped out in setting up and taking down the tables and chairs. Our gratitude goes out to Brian, Ed L., and Glenn. We appreciate you! Any of the donated items that did not sell were taken to Good Samaritan Thrift Store and clothing items went to Big Brothers Big Sisters.

It's that time of year when we start thinking about our election of officers for the 2026-2027 year. We have our first Nominating Committee meeting set for January 27th. If you are interested in running for an office, please fill out one of the slips from our bulletin board and give it to one of the officers.

February 13th we will be celebrating Valentine's Day with a pork loin dinner cooked by the Mooseheart Moosehaven committee. Come out and join your Moose family for a night of romance.

Fraternally,
Catherine Mingledorff
Senior Regent



Moose Riders:

MOOSE RIDERS FIRST FRIDAY DINNER FEBRUARY 6, 2026 @ 6:30PM



We're Serving Delicious
Fried Shrimp, Cheese Grits,
Coleslaw, Hushpuppies,
and Cherry Cheesecake

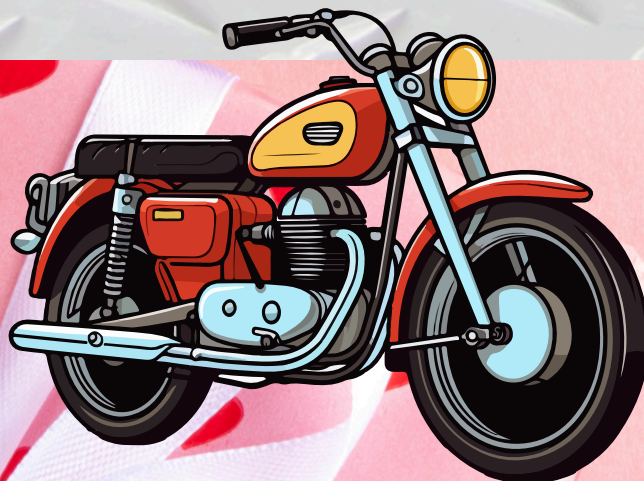
12 SHRIMP WITH FIXIN'S FOR \$13

Come out and enjoy dinner, support our Lodge, and
dance the night away to awesome music!

Tallahassee Moose Lodge #1075

Moose Members & Qualified Guests. Not a Member? Ask Us How To Join!

Open to Moose Members from All Lodges.



Message from the Pool Teams:

CAST IRON WASH POT CHICKEN PILAU

BY MEN'S POOL TEAMS

FRIDAY
FEBRUARY 27



CHICKEN AND WHITE RICE
SLAW, CRACKERS AND DESSERT

MOOSE MEMBERS AND AUTHORIZED GUESTS

9-BALL TOURNAMENT



Saturday, Feb. 28

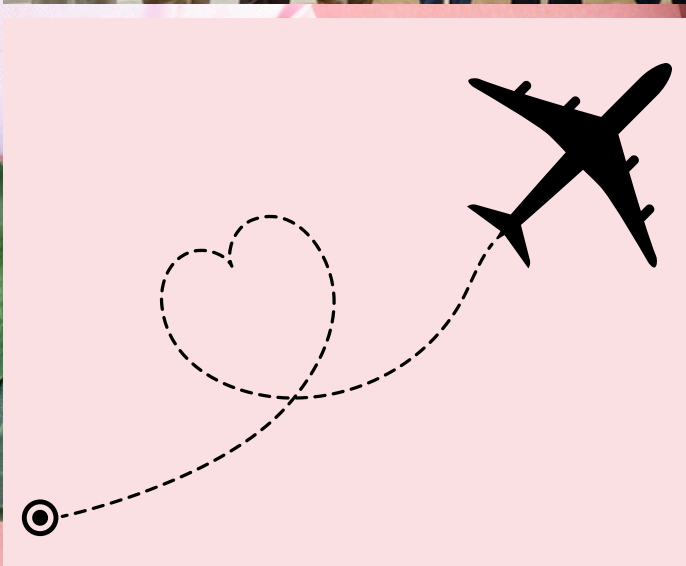
Open to Moose Members from all Lodges



New Years Eve, with Father Time. Escorted by twin baby boys. Jerry Monk, John Powell and Larry Durrance. Great job guys.



Moose Proud! \$5,000 donation to Honor Flight Tallahassee



A MESSAGE FROM THE LEGION:

Moose Legion Breakfast

February 1, 2026

11:00 am—1:00 pm \$7.00 Everyone is invited



Eggs, Bacon, Sausage, Biscuits,
Gravy, Grits, Toast, Coffee

Meeting to follow — all are welcome

MOOSE LEGION ACTIVITIES

February 1: Breakfast 11:00 — 1:00, meeting to follow

February 7: District Meeting—Panama City

Chain Saw Raffle—Tickets 6 for \$5, arm for \$10, wingspan for \$20; see
Wade

March 1: Breakfast 11:00 — 1:00, meeting to follow



Next celebration:

April 18 — 20

Marianna

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR LODGE MEMBERS CELEBRATING THIS MONTH

February 2026						February 2026
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Preston Colangelo Gerald Greene Terri Carlton	2 Alan Peltz Russell Spencer Debra Kennon	3 Joe Wyrick James Daugherty Trisha Kiebel Jason Betts Hortense Ratcliff	4 Rachel Flowers Melissa VanGunda Gary McGrady Peter Lester	5	6	7 Annie Brown Sherri Merkle Christina Padilla
8 Evette Bennett Linda Griffin Peter Hyde Chelsey Pritchard Deborah Bean	9 Calvin Suber Judy Arwood Glenda Thomas	10 Vicki Bates	11	12 James Moulton	13 Veronica Kellerman Peggy Sellers Carolyn Blewett Tamara Vogel	14 Ed Borneman Jackie Wilson Ina Shores Debbie Colvin Ricky Hall
15 Christian Debondy	16 Paul Lucarelli Karen Hightower Lisa Metcalf Elizabeth Claypool	17 David Long	18	19 Ashley Telli Susan Tobin Michelle Levins	20 Alderman Walker Karen Bain	21 Billy Fuller Glenn Baggerly Tammy Gerrell Jeni West
22 Dustin Mathews Rhonda Bennett Mike Zavolas	23 Gary Robinette	24	25 Charles Ringel David Rau	26 Warren Conklin Kimberli Eure	27 Vicki Hall Tony Hood	28 29th Katie Tointigh

DISTRICT MEETING NEWS

January District meeting was held at Wakulla Lodge January 10. Here are some news items from the meeting:

FMA Midyear Convention, April 9-11, Rosen Plaza, Orlando, registration and lodging reservations are open. Make your reservations early. If interested Thursday April 9 Moose members will be volunteering at Give The Kids The World. See Jerry or Nancy for more info on this Registration is on FMA website: floridamoose.com Contact Rosen Paza directly for reservations 407-996-9700. Advise them you are there for Moose Convention for special rate. Florida Days, March 21-22, Moosehaven. Interested in volunteering, contact Denise at Quincy Lodge. Jerry can provide her contact information Scholarship money available. If you are a member, complete the application on the Florida Moose Association website for the application \$1,000.00 scholarship being offered.

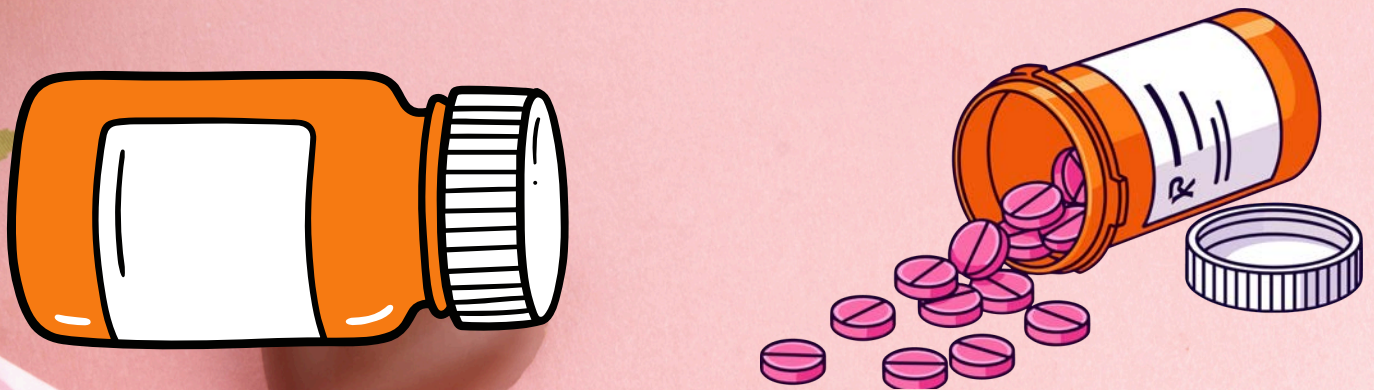
FMA has an online store. Check out their website to order your FMA items. Our District 1 and District 781 from Jacksonville are partnering for a joint venture get away November 7-8 at Ragan's Campground, Madison. Check them out on their website. Cabins and RV spaces available. Book early for choice cabins and select RV spaces.

Do you think you cook the best ribs around? April 17-19 at the District Meeting Legionnaire Celebration weekend at the Marianna lodge there will be a cookoff competition.

Next district meeting is in Panama City on February 7th.

EMPTY PILL BOTTLES

Do you ever have empty prescription pill bottles? Your lodge has partnered with sister lodge Fort Walton Beach collecting pill bottles for PAWS, which is a nonprofit animal rescue organization. They collect clean, empty pill bottles to reuse for dispensing pet medications, reducing landfill waste and providing small containers for foster animal medication. You can help by donating your empty pill bottles. Please remove any labels, wash the bottles and then drop them in the plastic shoebox container on the ledge at Jerry's office window. For the past several months our lodge has donated a large recycle bag full of bottles during the monthly district meeting. Thank you to those who donated bottles and thank you everyone for your future donations to this worthwhile project.



LOG THOSE VOLUNTEER HOURS

Have you volunteered around the lodge or the community representing the lodge? Be sure to log those hours in your membership record. Unsure whether the hours should be logged, ask Jerry. Unsure where to find the section to record volunteer data? Log into your membership record, then choose "volunteer time" at the top, then "add volunteer hours", fill in the required sections, and be sure to SAVE when completed. Your volunteer hours are credited to our Heart of Community quarterly requirements. Thank you for being a volunteer.



ELECTIONS

Unbelievable, your lodge's 2026-2027 election is right around the corner. What offices are up for election? President, Vice President, Treasurer, Chaplain, Three Year Trustee. What are the eligibility requirements for these offices? President: active member of our lodge at least 6 months immediately preceding the date of the election and completed at least 1 year in another elected office. Vice President: active member of our lodge at least 6 months immediately preceding the date of the election. Treasurer: active member of our lodge at least 6 months immediately preceding the date of the election. Chaplain: active member of our lodge at least 6 months immediately preceding the date of the election. Trustee: Active member. February 17 the nominating committee will be formed, and nomination committee meetings will be announced. Nomination forms will be available thereafter. Your nomination forms will need to be submitted to Jerry no later than March 24th (date subject to change so watch for election date postings). Elections will be held on Tuesday April 7th at the general membership meeting. Need to know the responsibilities for any of the offices? Ask Jerry, a current officer of the board, or read through the general laws from Moose International. It isn't too early to start thinking about running for offices.





ROAD RUNNERS
23rd Annual
CHILI COOK-OFF

Sign Up Early – Limited Spots Available

Tallahassee Moose Lodge #1075
1478 Capital Circle N.W. (next to Home Depot)

proceeds go to:
BIG BEND HOSPICE

Live Music
The Allie Cats

PRIZES
1st + \$100
2nd + \$75
Best Booth \$25

AR STYLE 12GA
RAFFLE TICKETS ON SALE NOW
TASTERS WANTED
\$10 Adults | Children 10 & Under \$5
For more information text Julie 850-556-3161

STARTS
1:00pm
JUDGING
4:00pm

Raffle ticket \$10

Illustrations include a smiling chili pepper character holding a sign, two chili pepper characters, and a pot of chili.

FROM THE BOARD OF OFFICERS

Monthly Calendar:

February 2026

Sun da y	Monday	Tuesday 3	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Moose Legion Breakfast 11:00 – 1:00, meeting to follow 1:00 Membership committee meeting 3:30, 5:30 Bingo	2 Social Quarters Closed	5:30 Bar Bingo 5:30 Bar Menu 7:00 Business/member Meeting	4 6:30 Wings& Things 7:00 Pool Tournament 7:30 Karaoke	5 7:00 TexasHold-Em Poker	6 5:30, 7:00 Bingo 6:30 Fried Shrimp dinner by Moose Riders 7:30 Third Time Around	7 1:00 –5:00Road Runners Chili Cook- off 6:30 Burgers andDogs 7:30 Karaoke District Meeting – Panama City
8 3:30, 5:30 Bingo	9 Social Quarters Closed	10 5:30 Bar Bingo 5:30 Bar Menu 6:00 Lodge Officers meeting 6:30 WOTM meeting	11 6:00 Moose Riders meeting 6:30 Pork Chops 7:30 Karaoke	12 7:00 Texas Hold-Em Poker	13 5:30, 7:00 Bingo 6:30 Valentine Dinner/Dance Pork Loin dinner by WOTM 7:30 Highway 59	14 5:00 Bar Bingo 6:30 Burgers and Dogs 7:30 Karaoke
15 3:30, 5:30 Bingo	16 SocialQuarters Closed	17 5:30 Bar Bingo 5:30 Bar Menu 7:00 Business/member Meeting	18 6:30 Baked Spaghetti 7:30 Karaoke	19 5:30 Bar Menu 6:00 LCR Game 7:00 Texas Hold-Em Poker	20 5:30, 7:00 Bingo 6:30 Beef Tips on Rice dinner by WOTM 7:30 Hot Rod Chevys	21 5:00 Bar Bingo 6:30 Burgers and Dogs 7:30 Karaoke
22 3:30, 5:30 Bingo	23 Social Quarters Closed	24 5:30 Bar Bingo 5:30 Bar Menu 6:00 Lodge Officers meeting 6:30 WOTM meeting	25 6:30 Beef Stew 7:30 Karaoke	26 7:00 TexasHold-Em Poker	27 5:30, 7:00 Bingo 6:30 Chicken Pilau dinner by Men's Pool Teams 7:30 Silverado	28 5:00 Bar Bingo 6:00 New member orientation 6:30 Burgers and Dogs 7:00 Line Dancing 7:00 9-Ball Tournament 7:30 Karaoke

Social Quarters opens at 1:00 on Sundays, 3:00 on Tuesday through Saturday



In The Community

PB&J PLZ

Just a reminder to stock your pantry/closets each time you go grocery shopping. Once again beginning April 1-30, the Lodge will partner with WCTV for their tenth annual PB&J PLZ collection. Last April, we collected 1,075 pounds. Can we surpass this amount? We sure can! Don't bring them to the Lodge yet. Just start collecting peanut butter and jelly in plastic containers for April.

Chaplain:

Another month has gone by and we grieve for another Lodge member.

In the past two months we have lost three of our brothers.

Al Godwin on 12/8/25, Wesley Leggett on 12/25/25 and Dwight Rhoden on 01/10/26. They will be greatly missed. Keep their families in your prayers.

“The God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast. “ 1 Peter 5:10

WADE BENNETT – CHAPLAIN, MOOSE LODGE 1075

Officers Contact Info:

- Administrator: Jerry Monk 850-510-6870
- President: Nancy Gebhart 850-510-3152
- Vice President: Larry Durrance 850-728-9771
- Junior Past President: Casey Hightower 850-445-7865
- Treasurer: Pat Browder 850-545-4545
- Chaplain: Wade Bennett 850-514-3142
- Trustee 1 year: Sid Lingerfelt 850-210-9543
- Trustee 2 year: Pam Cobb 850-545-7612
- Trustee 3 year: Genny Mackland 561-329-1613
- Sgt. At Arms: Keith Ruppert 386-243-1882
- Inner Guard: Ed LaRue 405-308-9707
- Outer Guard: Jackie Jones 850-545-3662

WOTM officers

- Senior Regent - Catherine Mingledorff - 850-320-0220
- Treasurer - Kristy Smith - 352-223-7586
- Secretary - Alyson Harrison - 850-698-0007
- Jr. Past Regent, pro tem - 850-570-5546

Solution #1

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Bingo:

BINGO! BINGO! BINGO!

Our favorite word on Friday and Sunday nights. Our players love yelling it and we love hearing it.

We have had a good start to this year. Seeing more players showing up now that the holidays are behind us.

We have a great group of volunteers helping us kick off this new year. We even had our Pot of Gold queen, Sherry, selling pull tabs on crutches. I can't express how much the lodge and the Bingo committee appreciate everything our volunteers do and the dedication they show every week. We could not do what we do without you.

We reopened the Bingo deli on Sunday nights. This past Sunday was our first night open, we had a special opening night dinner of BBQ pulled pork sandwiches, coleslaw and peach cobbler (the cobbler was wonderful, thank you Kristy). Flo did a great job running the deli and we sold out. Our normal fare will be hot dogs, nachos and pizza.

If you have not joined us in bingo yet, you need to come try it out. Our proceeds are going to help some great charities. Not only will you have fun and maybe win a little money, but you are also contributing to your community, Moose Heart, and Moose Haven. We would love to see you there.

Thank you,
Laniece LaRue
Bingo Chairperson

