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# The Guide

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The Moose is an international organization of men and women dedicated to caring for young and old, bringing communities together, and celebrating life.

NOTICE: We are hosting the Moose Legion Celebration October 11, 12, and 13. We will need extra help on seating, trash, meals and a few other things. If you can help for a few hours that would be great and make the days go quicker and easier for all of us. Please let me, an officer, or staff know if you can help.



## IT'S THE BUSY SEASON

**DOYT SIMMONS** President

If you need a break from the heat in the fall is in the air and I am glad to see it.

OSKMA just got home from cooking for the alumni and student at mooseheart and it was a huge success, boy can those kids eat.

If you ever have a chance to visit mooseheart please go.

You will always pay your dues which go to help support these kids.

October is going to be busy, we have Moose Legion Celebration October 11, 12, and 13, with the Pilgrim Ceremony for Trever Hepner and the District Meeting on October 13.

The WOTM are having Monday night meals so come have a good meal and visit

with your fellow members.

The Moose Legion Committee meeting is October 5.

Please check your membership card and make sure you are current.

Your dues go to help support our mission of helping Mooseheart, Moosehaven, and our local community

We would like to send prayers for healing and comfort to ~ Brad Brown ~ Mark Sweet ~ Rella Latta ~ Gary Harris ~ the David Roberts family ~ the Kimberly Kelly family

# CHRISTMAS IN OCOBER AND OTHER EVENTS

TINA HOWARD Senior Regent

Wow!! It's October already.

Soon we will see the kids trick-or-treating around town.

There's a lot going on at the lodge this month too!!

Check the calendar because our lodge is hosting the Sooner Moose Legion Celebration and any help (even just an hour) would be greatly appreciated.

At the conclusion of Moose Legion we have the honor of watching brother Trever Hepner be invested with his Gold Coat for his Pilgrim Degree of Merit.

Following that is our District 1 meeting.

Chapter meetings are on the 14th and 28th at 7:30 pm.

On October 14 we will celebrate Christmas in October.

Pull out a Christmas Sweater and come to the meeting.

Monday Night Meals are going strong. If you you like to prepare a meal for Nov or Dec please let Pam or Carol know.

October is Cradle Month for Moose Charities and we are trying to fill our walls with cradles.

See the bartender if you would like to make a donation to this worthy cause and help us fill our walls!!

Until next month... see you at the lodge!!

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### DEVESTATING HURRICANE CHANGES LIVES FOREVER

#### Our Moose family and their communities need our support

#### KIMBERLY KELLY Editor

I was born six days before Hurricane Alma struck the Florida panhandle, making it the earliest hurricane landfall on the continental United States since 1825

My family lost power for three days, they had to warm my formula up on a Sterno

stove, and I cried the entire time.

Guess I made quite a big deal out of it.

When I was 19 Hurricane Elana sat off the coast of my county for three days. We had to evacuate. I remember driving to the evacuation site with the rain blowing sideways and rocking my car. It was terrifying.

Fast forward to Hurricane Andrew when I was in Kentucky, and despite constant attempts to get me to stop watching the weather channel I ultimately insisted on going home early.

We drove straight through into a non-stop line of headlights heading north as we drove south.

A stop to get fuel put a new urgency on things as our exit was moments from being closed. We were two hours away and decided to take the back roads.

After we got home, and daybreak came, we got a better understanding of things. South Florida was a disaster zone after being hit by the Category 5 hurricane.

Ever since that day I have been diligent in paying attention to these unpredictable storms.

In 2004, we had four hurricane cross over my small town, one which we tracked the eye's coordinates as going directly over our house. We had some damage to the house, nothing major, and it ripped the truck cover off our truck and every so forcefully smacked it down on my car to where the doors would not open, but never broke the windshield or door glass. I had a beagle who was

terrified of the storm and together we sat in the middle of the bed shaking uncontrollably as we heard the roof making odd noises and the wind making that eerie howling sound. We just knew the roof was going to fly off, but it didn't. We got lucky.

Several years ago, Hurricane Hermine came through and we finally had our

-E-This is where I live

first official major issue with my living room ceiling caving in.

When Hurricane Helene developed last week I knew it was going to change and alter life as we know it.

I still live on the lake side of my Florida West Coast county, literally five miles from any home I have lived in.

With Helene, we had little more than two inches of rain and a few tree branches on the ground.

My mom's house is two miles from the edge of the flood on the West side of the county 15 miles from me. She had no damage.

But the beach that my husband is responsible for the upkeep of... gone. Eight to ten foot of water flooded that side of the county.

The water came in so fast that it busted not the water-side of the beach

bathroom/maintenance building, but the back side. gone were the \$15,000 of upgrades that had been made several weeks prior to Helene. The bathrooms had been open just two days before they washed out to the Gulf.

Seems massive when you think of it. But when you think of the destruction of the rest of the West Coast of Florida... we

faired well.

But who knew Helene would take her wrath to the mountains and unleash her fury causing massive destruction in some of the most beautiful areas of our country?

Today, and for the unforeseeable future, they need us. They need the basic necessities, they need somewhere to live, the need electric, sewer and water, the children need their schools... the list goes on and on.

But even more important is that they need our support.

I saw a post by Brian Monroe, the President of the Johnson City TN 1831 Moose Riders.

The are located right in the middle of the Appalachian Area that was affected by the Hurricane Helene Floods.

They are looking for Lodges or groups that could donate any extra Tommy the Moose stuffed animals and coloring books etc. The Moose Riders will take the toys to kids in shelters in the affected areas including East Tenn, Virginia and Western North Carolina.

Anyone can call him at 423-340-0120 for details on how to get the Tommy Moose to their area.

This is just one way to help the children as they process all that has occurred and disrupted in their lives.

Everyone in the affected areas need our help, but the children are especially vulnerable to the anxiety and helplessness these natural disasters bring to them. We can help them. Tommy Moose is the way.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
29	30	1	2 DARTS 7:30 PM	3 CARDS PITCH	4	5
6	7 TACOS DONNA TURNER  LODGE OFFICERS MEETING 7:30 PM MEMBERSHIP MEETING TO FOLLOW	8 POOL	9 <b>DARTS</b> 7:30 PM	CARDS PITCH	11	12
13	PULLED PORK SANDWICH TINA HOWARD  WOTM OFFICERS 7:00 PM	POOL	DARTS 7:30 PM	CARDS PITCH	18	19
20	21 SLOPPY JOES DEB MAPLES  LODGE OFFICERS MEETING 7:30 PM MEMBERSHIP MEETING TO FOLLOW	POOL	23 DARTS 7:30 PM	CARDS PITCH	25	26
27	MEXICAN MANACOTTI WOTM CHAPTER 7:30 PM	POOL	30 DARTS 7:30 PM	31	1	2