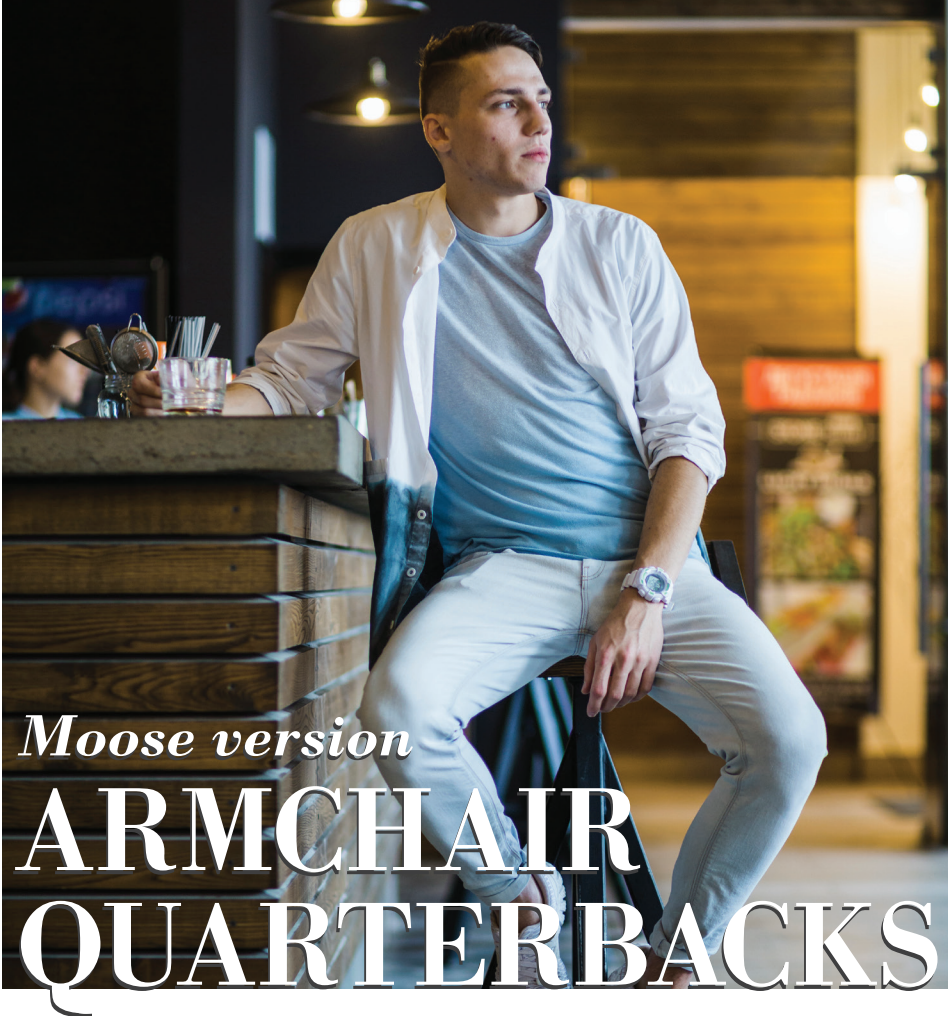


The Guide

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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.



Moose version

ARMCHAIR QUARTERBACKS

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*Assistant Territory Manager,
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Once again it is that time of year for football playoffs and NFL championship games.

This is also the time of year when all of the “armchair quarterbacks” come out of the closet and show their expertise!

Every game during this time of year, “armchair quarterbacks” sit at the bar, watching the game and yell at the television saying “that’s not the play I would have called” or “why did that coach go for two when ...”

You get my point.

Sitting at the lodge, I realized the Moose have those too. Let me explain.

More often than not, people sit at the bar and act just like the “armchair quarterback”.

I call them “armchair lodge officers”.

These are members, both men and women, whom always have a better way of doing things after the fact. They want to wait until the Board of Officers make a decision and enact said decisions, then start with the “Well I would not have done it that way”. Or “that is not going to

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MOOSE LEGION PROGRAMS CONTINUE

TREVOR HEPNER *Moose Legion*

Welcome to February.

The Moose Legion will be hosting a Groundhog Day meal on February 1. Help will be appreciated!

I also want to tell you about a change, since the Moose Legion celebration in Hutchison was canceled due to weather.

The Moose Legion Celebration has been rescheduled for February 21-23.

Raffle tickets are available on a chance to win a new laptop compute. Please see myself for tickets. We will also have a few available in the social quarters.

Sooner Moose Legion will also be having the MLEC this month in Enid.

This educational conference is a great way to gain knowledge about the Moose Legion.

The next Moose Legion committee meeting is February 1.

Volunteers for meals on Wednesday night are needed and will be appreciated.

Rocker month is February, let’s show our pride in making lodge contributions.

Enjoy all there is to offer this month

DOYT SIMMONS *Lodge President*

As I write this it is cold and snowing. I hope it is warmer when you read it.

February is going to have a lot going for our members to participate in.

It starts our Ground Hog Dinner on Saturday, February 1, then on to Monday and Wednesday night meals, the Super Bowl on Sunday 9 (bring snacks), Valentines surf and turf meal on Saturday, February 15 at 6:30 p.m., and the Sooner Moose Legion Celebration February 21-23 in Hutchinson.

There will be special activities during most of these so don't miss an opportunity to be a winner.

When you come out bring friends and family, encourage them to join the Moose fraternity and be able to enjoy the benefits of the Moose.

Be sure to keep your dues current so we can continue to support Mooseheart, Moosehaven, and a multitude of needs in our community.

Thank you, and I hope to see you soon.

Election time is here

TINA HOWARD *Senior Regent*

Hi everyone!!

Well we are officially in election time.

We will have our second nominating meeting on Feb 3 at 7:00 p.m.

Offices available are Senior Regent, Secretary and Treasurer.

If you are interested in running for a position please let a member of the Board of Officers know BEFORE Feb 3.

Lots of things going on at the lodge come on out and check it out.

On February 15, the Lodge has a Valentines


dinner which is a really good deal. Let the bartender know if you'd like to make reservations.

Chapter meetings are the first and third Mondays of each month at 7:30. We would love to have you all there.

Monday night meals are still going strong if you'd like to fix one please let Pam or Carol know.

We are coming into a really busy time of year for both the Lodge and the Chapter and lots of opportunities for you to volunteer.

See you at the lodge.



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**Woodward
Moose Lodge #452**

The OFFICIAL page for
Lodge and Chapter menus,
current events, and activities



beamoose.org

Valentines Surf & Turf

Saturday February 15 6:30 p.m.
Served with green beans, cheesy potatoes, biscuit, dessert.

\$20/1 meat \$25/for both

Please make reservations to help us prepare for members and qualified guests

PRAYERS FOR OUR SICK AND DISTRESSED

Please keep the family of Rex Thompson in your prayers with his passing, and healing prayers for Jerry Parker and Mark Sweet, and others that are having illnesses in this cold, flu, and pneumonia season

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work for my group" i.e. dart league, pool league, karaoke, cards, etc.

What these "armchair officers" do not realize is decisions made have to be in the best interest of the entire lodge while abiding by the General Laws of the Order.

Oh, and did I mention they especially need to be a good business decision.

Good business decisions are usually not popular with the membership; raising product prices, changing operating hours, staffing changes, etc.

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Most "armchair officers" do not have a clue the amount of time and the thought process we go through just to make rules that affect the daily operations of our Moose home.

What is the solution to these "armchair officers"?

Now is the time of year we are gearing up for our annual nominating meeting for lodge officers.

"Armchair officers", if you have all of the answers, we need you to run for a position on the board and do not think you should start at the top.

Start where your lodge needs help.

Realistically, you should start as a trustee.

This position is one of the most important and the least appreciated.

You read that right, the most important.

They look over and approve the bills and keep track of inventory.

Where ever you start, be patient and learn.

Regardless of what you believe, you do not know everything about running a Moose Lodge.

Knowledge of running a lodge comes with time.

Knowledge of running a Moose Lodge comes with being open minded and not making decisions for a select group.

This is a Moose lodge and not anyone's personal country club.

"Armchair officers" will tell you they don't have the time to serve on the board or cannot make the meetings.

But, they are there after the meetings telling you how to run the Moose.

Most of them are sitting on the barstool several nights a week but never have the time to serve. Just too busy to help out.

News flash. We do not need "armchair officers".

We need members whom are willing to give the time to serve in this important role.

I hear members say, "is all we do is rotate officers. We have had the same officers for years".

Have you ever heard that, or worse, said those words?

The reason for most lodges rotating their officers is because none of our "armchair officers" will step up and help us grow with new and legitimate ideas and programs.

We do not need you as an "armchair officer".

We need you as a Lodge Board of Officers.

The Moose fraternity needs you on the board of your local Lodge.

Go to your lodge meetings now.

Get involved in the decision making now.

Show an interest in your lodge and the Moose Fraternity.

Let your President or any officer know you are interested in serving on the board in any capacity, whether it be an elected or an appointed position.

Start being a real Board of Officer in your Lodge.

Resign the position of "armchair officer".

After all, you were not very effective in that position.

You only caused uproar, doubt and discontent among Moose members.

Please make a difference for our children, our seniors, and mostly your Moose Lodge.



*This is a Moose Lodge
and not anyone's
personal country club.*

Being part of the Moose fraternity is the best thing I have ever done

KIMBERLY KELLY *Editor*

Call me a geek, overachiever, or whatever... but I love meetings.

I love the opportunity to learn new things, educate others, and well, spend time with those who have the same focus as I do.

I attended the Florida Moose Association's Full Board Meeting.

It was held on the Moosehaven campus a few hours from my home in Florida.

And heck, who doesn't love going to Moosehaven and seeing our good works up front and personal.

Every time I go there all I see is smiles, and this trip was no exception.

I went a day early and participated in their WISH Pillowcase Sew Along community service project.

I say participated because I was asked to help teach the residents at Mooseheart how to make the WISH Pillowcases and did what any good leader would do... I brought along the experts who, along with other Dunnellon WOTM Chapter members, made over 1,000 WISH Pillowcases last year.

Sandy Johnston made the event happen, we helped make it a success.

The group of 20 made about 40 WISH Pillowcases with more that had been started but needed to be finished at a later date.

We were here for about three hours and it was the best three hours spent.

Serving our community is a wonderful thing. I spent most of the last 41 years of my professional career working for a family of community newspapers.

While producing the daily newspaper, along with a bunch of weekly, monthly, and periodic publications, we were expected to be part of the community too.

That meant time spent on local non-profit boards and working community events, using our talents to generate excitement in the community, and using our hands to physically help.

Sometimes, community service projects become more than just another event.

I was on the ground floor of some pretty big events that have become annual events throughout my area.

The Sew Along at Moosehaven was one of those events that made an impact on me and the residents at Moosehaven who participated, although we didn't realize it at the time.

You see, I met this wonderful woman. She was very shy and stayed in her shell almost the entire time she was participating.

Then it happened.

One question needing assistance on the next step of the Sew Along project led to a full blown conversation about her life, where she came from, her move to Moosehaven.

She opened up, came out of her shell, and we had a wonderful time talking.

She shared with me how we can continue to communicate in the future and I fully intend to do so, and visit her every time I am there.

I hope our connection at Moosehaven that day impacted her as much as it did me. I can't wait to see her again.

NO Application Fee

Now extended through April 30, 2025
to join the Moose online

Beginning May 1, 2024, the \$20 application fee has been waived for new (enroll or re-enroll) applicants paying **2 years of dues** and using the **online application process only**. This will not only promote and encourage use of the available technology but incentivize member production, giving the lodges an extended opportunity to showcase the benefits of Moose/lodge membership to include our fraternal endeavors as well as the local lodge amenities. The Moose Intl. Board of Directors has now extended this program through April 30, 2025.

Anyone interested in learning more about the Moose organization is encouraged to view the video message on our www.beamoose.org website where they will also have an opportunity to access the online application.

If you are a current member looking to sponsor a prospective member into the Moose Fraternity, please use our online application at www.beamoose.org.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
26	27	28	29 NEW YEARS DAY CLOSED	30 CARDS PITCH	31	1 GROUND HOG DINNER 5:30-7:30 PM BY DONATION <i>Drawing for Patio Heater</i> MOOSE LEGION COMMITTEE MEETING <i>and Drawing</i>
2	3 MONDAY NIGHT MEAL LODGE BOARD OF OFFICERS MEETING 7 PM CHAPTER NOMINATING MEETING NO. 2 7 PM LODGE MEMBERSHIP MEETING 8 PM	4 POOL	5 DARTS 7:30 PM	6 CARDS	7 BLIND DRAW DARTS 8:00 PM	8
9 SUPER BOWL OPEN AT 4 PM BRING SNACKS	10 MONDAY NIGHT MEAL WOTM MEETING 7 PM	11 POOL	12 DARTS 7:30 PM	13 CARDS	14	15 SURF AND TURF VALENTINES DINNER 6:30 PM
16	17 MONDAY NIGHT MEAL LODGE BOARD OF OFFICERS MEETING 7 PM	18 POOL	19 WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEAL DARTS 7:30 PM	20 CARDS <hr/> IN DUNCAN: SPECIAL VISIT BY CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD	21 SOONER MOOSE LEGION HUTCHINSON <hr/> IN ENID: SPECIAL VISIT BY CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD	22 SOONER MOOSE LEGION HUTCHINSON <hr/> IN HUTCHINSON: SPECIAL VISIT BY CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD
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