

MOOSIN AROUND MERIDIAN NEWSLETTER

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President's Message

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Dear Members,

What a year it is shaping up to be!

I am proud of all we have accomplished together over the last two months and excited for what lies ahead. Our May and June events and cooking were a huge success, and I sincerely appreciate everyone who helped make them possible. Your support and teamwork continue to make a positive difference in our lodge.

As we move through the summer months, I encourage everyone to stay involved by attending lodge meetings whenever possible and continuing to invite prospective members to learn more about the Moose. New members bring fresh ideas and enthusiasm and help ensure the continued success and growth of our lodge.

Can you believe July is here already? As we celebrate our country's freedom and the adoption of the Declaration of Independence, I invite you to join us at the lodge for a full day of fun during our "Splashing Through the 4th" Pool Party. The day will include lunch plates, with proceeds supporting pool repairs, music throughout the day, specialty drinks, and a refreshing pool to help everyone relax and stay cool. On Saturday night, enjoy live music by Billy Chappell by the pool. It will be a wonderful day filled with food, fun, and fellowship, and we hope to see you there.

Another event you will not want to miss is our Shrimp Boil on Saturday, July 11th, beginning around 11:00 a.m. The meal will include shrimp, potatoes, and corn. All proceeds from this event will go toward much-needed pool repairs, making it the perfect opportunity to support the lodge while enjoying great food and great company.

Thank you again for your continued support. Together, we are building the growth and success of our lodge. I look forward to seeing you throughout July and at our upcoming events.

Fraternally,

Lisa Downing
President
Loyal Order of Moose



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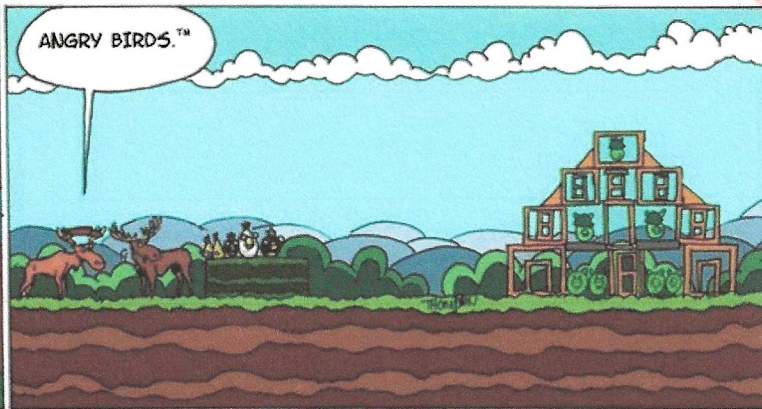
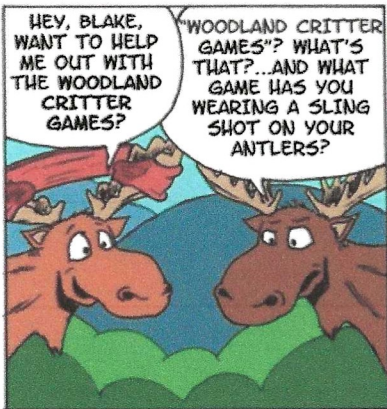
HAPPENINGS AT MOOSEHEART & MOOSEHAVEN



Moosehaven was honored to host the 2026 Police Memorial Ceremony at the Riverfront Pavilion, bringing together community members, residents, local leaders, and law enforcement agencies to remember and honor those who made the ultimate sacrifice in service. The meaningful ceremony paid tribute to fallen heroes and their lasting legacy of courage, dedication, and sacrifice.

THREE, IF BY MOOSE

BY MIKE THOMPSON



Moose Charities exists to provide support for the communities of Mooseheart Child City and School and Moosehaven City of Contentment. When you join us in our mission you can expect acknowledgment, gratitude and recognition!

Moose Charities Sweekstakes
Grand Prize \$25,000

YOU COULD BE THE NEXT WINNER
when our drawing takes place
July 15th, 2026

Tickets can now be purchased online
Deadline for tickets is June 28, 2026





Women of the Moose

MESSAGE FROM SR. REGENT

Welcome to July in Mississippi!

It's hot outside, but there are plenty of ways to stay cool and have fun this summer! The pool is open and ready for you to enjoy—perfect for beating the heat and relaxing with friends and family.

And if you prefer indoors, we have a variety of indoor activities planned through out the month as well.



WOTM COMMITTEE SPOTLIGHT- FRATERNAL ACTIVITIES

This month, the WOTM proudly honor the Fraternal Activities Committee, led by Chairman Heather Rigdon.

The special project of this committee is to raise funds in support of the Mooseheart Girls' Athletic Program.

Much like the boy's athletic program, Mooseheart provides girls with opportunities to participate in sports such as basketball, volleyball, track and bowling. These opportunities allow our Mooseheart "Lady Ramblers" to take part in activities they may not otherwise have access to outside of Mooseheart.

Participation in team sports teaches valuable lessons. Children learn that success is not about one individual, but about teamwork—working together, accepting decision, and understanding that everyone has different strengths and abilities.



JULY CHAPTER MEETING

Our July Chapter Meeting will be held on **July 14th** at 6:30 pm.

We encourage everyone to come out and join us! The women of our organization play a vital role in the success of the lodge, and your involvement truly makes a difference.

We look forward to seeing you there and appreciate all that you do to support our mission.



COOKING FUNDRAISE UPDATE

The support for our June cooking fundraiser was tremendous—we sold out early! Thank you to everyone that came out and supported us.

Our next cooking event will be held on **July 24th** and we look forward to seeing you there.



MEMBERSHIP APPRECIATION AND INVITATION

If you are a current member of our chapter—thank you! Your support and dedication mean so much to our success.

If you are interested in joining our chapter, we would love to have you! Simply reach out to any WOTM member, and they will be happy to provide you with the information you need.



*Thank you for being an important part of
our chapter and our mission!*

Fraternally,

Amanda Osborne • Sr. Regent

MOOSE RIDERS ACTIVITY GROUP

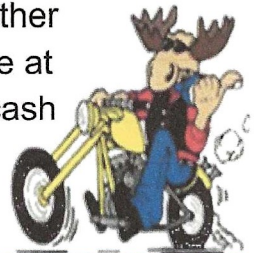
Our Next Moose Rider Meeting will be held at 2:30 on July 12, 2026.

Deadline for the 2026 Hog Cooking T-Shirt preorder is September 7 and a percentage of all shirt sales will be donated to a local Breast Cancer Awareness Charity, the total donation will be discussed at a future meeting after the funds have been collected and shirts have been ordered.

The 2026 Hog Cooking is scheduled for November 7, 2026. As many of you know, the Moose Riders gather Friday night of the Hog Cooking for some socializing while the hogs are being prepped and placed on the pit. We are expecting to have some musical entertainment as well as some wholesome gumbo and other snack items for the attendees and chefs.

Some of our members intend to participate in the Wesley House Food Run scheduled for July 11, 2026. Like the Toy Run held every year, this event encourages riders and other participants to purchase and donate food items to Wesley House, which can be done at most of the grocery stores on the route to make the route easier. They also accept cash donations at the final destination.

See you at the Moose and around Meridian.



FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR

Dear Members,

I would like to personally thank each and every member who has stepped up for the Meridian Moose Lodge in your volunteering, cooking, and all other efforts on behalf of the Moose. Did you know that every time you volunteer for the lodge, you can also get rewards from Moose International on your membership record? Well, now you do. Members simply need to log into their membership program after completing any volunteering and enter those volunteer hours. Some key things to remember when entering your volunteer hours: Be sure to be as specific as possible about the event so that proper credit can be given; Heart of the Community volunteer hours are only reserved for activities not related to member benefit.

Starting July 1st, the rules of the Dice game will change. A member who rolls 5-of-a-kind will receive 80 percent of the funds collected, the remaining 20 percent will be split evenly between the Lodge and the Dice Fund.

Additionally, the Swimming Pool will now be open all week long for member benefit.

We are conducting a fundraiser to fix the pool in two phases worth \$40,000. The necessary repairs are extensive and after this pool season, patching the pool will no longer be an option. In other words, once the pool season is over, the pool will likely remain closed until adequate funds can be raised to make the necessary repairs. We hope to raise the funds and make the repairs as swiftly as possible with your help. While we will have various events specifically for the pool, anyone wishing to donate to the repairs can either place funds in the lock box beside the entrance door to the social quarters or give the funds to the social quarters attendant with an earmark for the pool.

MOOSE LEGION COMMITTEE

GREETINGS TO ALL MOOSE LEGIONNAIRES

Thank you to everyone who attended our June Moose Legion Social. Our next meeting will be on July 7, 2026 at 6:30 p.m. This will be a meal and meeting thanks to all who brought food last time. We encourage members to attend and invite others interested in becoming Moose Legionnaires to join us.

Our mission is to have fun while serving the Moose Fraternity, and our goal is to encourage qualified members to join the Moose Legion and do good deeds daily. If you'd like to become a member, dues are \$20 per year; just contact any Moose Legionnaire to join. The only qualification be a male member of the Moose be sponsored and attend an enrollment.

Our primary objectives in membership building are attaining the status of annually earning the Moose Legion Director's Key Club, meeting and exceeding our annually assigned Membership Production quota, retaining these new and former Moose Legionnaires along with conserving the members that we already have, and ending our Moose fiscal year with at least 1 more member on the rolls than that with which we stated the year.

Thanks to everyone who helps and supports the Meridian Moose Legion Committee and Magnolia Moose Legion #67.

Roy and Ted will be serving hamburger steaks or liver and onions on Friday July 10, 2026 for \$15.00 starting at 3:30 P.M.



Moose Legion Code of Rules Changes Approved by Moose International Board of Directors

During its February 2026 meeting, the Moose International Board of Directors approved proposed changes to the Moose Legion Code of Rules. These are the first changes since July 2022. The amended Code of Rules will go into effect on May 1, 2026. New books are in the process of being printed. Each Moose Legion will receive eight copies. The updated Code of Rules will also be uploaded to the Moose International website.

Remember to: TO DO SOME GOOD THING FOR SOMEONE EACH DAY.





MAGNOLIA MOOSE LEGION 67
July 2026 CELEBRATION
July 24,25 & 26
Brookhaven Moose Lodge #1968
Brookhaven, MS



Americas Best Value Inn Single & Double 75.00 + Tax per night
601-833-6957 Tell Them Your With Moose (Cutoff Date July 17th)

Theme: Bayou Bash: A New Orleans Moose Celebration

Friday: July 24, 2026

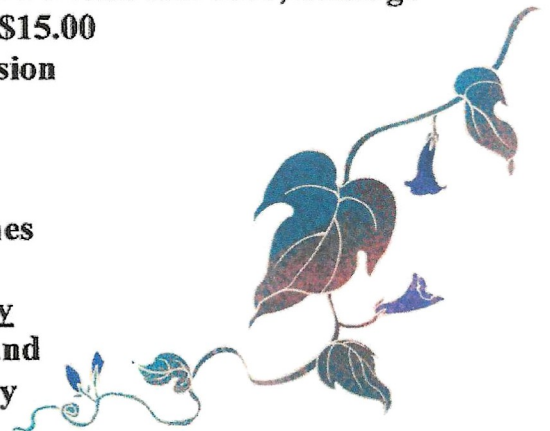
3:30pm Lodge Opens
4:00pm Registration Open \$10.00 per person Candidates register for Free
5pm to 7pm Lucky Dogs with all the fixings, chips, & Dessert \$10.00 per person
8:00pm Karaoke
(Shuttle Available Friday and Saturday)

Saturday: July 25, 2026

10:00am Lodge Opens
10:30 am MS Moose Association Officers and Committee Chairman Meeting
Possible District and Higher degree meeting following.
11:00am Registration Starts
12:00pm Lite Lunch TBA
1:00pm Moose Legion Directors and Asst. Secretaries Meeting,
Activities TBA Following Meetings
3:00pm Candidates meet with Registration for Hat Placement
5:30pm to 6:30pm Happy Hour (Must have Registration Badge)
6:30pm – 7:30pm Dinner: Choice of Jambalaya or Red Beans and Rice, Sausage
French Bread, Salad and Dessert \$15.00
7:30pm Draw Down & Auction & Fun Session
8:30pm Karaoke with Bullet

Sunday: Oct. 26, 2025

8:00am Lodge Opens – Registration resumes
Bloody Mary's, Coffee & Donuts
9:30am Candidates check in with Secretary
10:00am Magnolia Moose Legion Meeting and
Moose Legion Conferral Ceremony



****Times And Events are subject to Change****