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**School supplies give kids
tools for success** pg5

From the Editor

I can not thank each of you enough for the number of submissions we have received for The Courier publication.

Your submissions show the true spirit of our Lodges, Chapters, Moose Legions, Moose Riders, the Florida Moose Association, and especially the personal commitment of each of you.

Continued changes within the Moose fraternity are making positive impacts on our core value of improving the lives of others. This includes Mooseheart, Moosehaven, and our communities.

You can see the impact on the Mooseheart and Moosehaven campuses every day.

You can see the impact you make on our communities and shared throughout the pages of The Courier.

Your good deeds and dedication to your communities are evident everywhere you go.

Thank you for all that you do, and for sharing your stories with The Courier.

Coming up...

Veterans Day is right around the corner. Please share how your lodge honors its veterans for an upcoming story. Email the details to TheCourierFMA@gmail.com.

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October 15, 2025

Submit news articles and photos to:

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Tommy Moose gives an Indian River County Sheriff's Deputy a Tommy Moose plush doll at the Vero Moose Lodge 1822 and Chapter 1541 held their Back-to-School event.

Photo courtesy of Lisa Plourde

Special thanks to the following Boosters:

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**“Coming together is a beginning;
keeping together is progress;
working together is success.”**

~ Edward Everett Hale

FMA PRESIDENT

TODD ANDERSON



Hello Moose Family,

Wow! This year has gone by fast.

What an honor to be the President of the best Association in the Moose Fraternity!

Julie and I have traveled several hundred miles this past year and attended a handful of district meetings and visited some lodges.

No, we did not get to all the districts or lodges that we planned on visiting this year, but we plan to try to get to more in the future.

We are incredibly grateful for the hospitality and welcome that we received when we visited lodges.

It was also an honor to attend the International convention and represent the members of the Florida Moose Association as the President.

The FMA has committed \$1 Million to the new Mooseheart's 2025-2028 \$12 million fundraising campaign, Uniting Hearts: Expanding Horizons!

I challenge all the Lodges, Moose Legions, Chapters, COHD and you, the members, to continue to what we do and have this commitment covered in less than three years. Together, we can achieve success!

Along with the fundraising, keep working on the new members and retention of our members.

It has been stressed repeatedly, as a sponsor of new members in your lodge, get that new member involved and have them feel like they are a part of the

“team” or “family” if you will.

Please do not forget about them and expect them to figure it out.

Mentor them about the Moose and explain to them what our Mission is all about.

Teach them so they can teach to someone else.

Our goal is always to be plus one for the year and the Fraternity is now on four years in a row. Can we Strive for Five?

How great would it be to go to OKC next year and listen to our Chairman of the Board, John “The Ripper” Reiter, announce that the Moose is over One Million members!

Our own FMA Membership chairperson, Sharon Davis, and her committee have produced new membership campaigns!

Sign new members up and you never know, you just may be rewarded for your efforts.

We have work to do in the next few years, and I have confidence that the Members of the FMA will continue to unite and exceed the expectations that have been thrown at us.

As this may be the last time writing in The Courier as the FMA President, thank you for allowing me to be your leader for the 2024/2025 year.

It has been truly an honor to be on the pedestal where so many before me have stood.

I am looking forward to turning the page in this chapter and continuing to walk through this adventure with all of you.

Fraternally Grateful,

Todd Anderson, FMA President

**The FMA has committed \$1 Million to
the new Mooseheart's 2025-2028
\$12 million fundraising campaign**

**Uniting Hearts:
Expanding Horizons!**

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Protecting our future so we can continue to care for others

The Hurricane Season is among us. Let us all be prepared to protect ourselves, so that we may assist those in need after the storms have passed.

I would like to thank our Emergency Relief Chairperson Wayne Beyer, and the committee he leads, for the work they have put in, to make and continue the success of this committee's mission.

And also, to thank the District Presidents for supporting the programs as well.

As we move forward, into the newest Moose Evolution, we are taking steps to once again show how the Moose cares about those in need like no other organization.

Uniting Hearts; Expanding Horizons will help us show what the power of many can do.

This far reaching project will transform the Mooseheart Campus with three fully renovated Mooseheart Homes, and three new purpose-built homes to help facilitate our newly expanding mission.

There will be critical infrastructure improvements, including a water treatment plant, and renovating the track and discus cage.

And to top it all off, renovating ten Family Teacher Quarters inside our existing Family style homes, showing we care about those who care for our kids, day in a day out.

The Florida Moose Association will be challenging us to support the next evolution of Mooseheart.

I hope you share in my enthusiasm and work together to make this, the next shining moment for the family we call Moose.

Fraternally,

W. Scott Duncan
Membership Department Field Staff,
FMA Liaison

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TOP LEFT: Attendees at Arcadia Chapter 1597's Back to School event collect school supplies for the new school year. TOP RIGHT: Missy Fountain, Arcadia Chapter's Mooseheart/ Moosehaven Chairwoman, gives a one of over 120 children a hair cut.

Back-to-School events held throughout Florida

From Child ID Events to school supply drives, Florida Lodges and Chapters support their local youth

School-age children in Florida began their academic year with support from Back-to-School events and donation drives organized by Moose Lodges, Women of the Moose Chapters, and partnerships with other organizations throughout the state.



Lake Shore 2020

"The Clay County Salvation Army asked our (Lake Shore) Moose Lodge 2020 to be a major partner to help on Friday, July 25 with a major event to support needy children of Clay County", Fred Fleet said.

"When we come together to serve, especially for the kids in our community, we're living out our mission in the best way possible."

~ Lake Shore Lodge President David Gage

The annual event for both the Salvation Army and the Lodge aimed to provide school supplies, clothing, and resources to children and families in need as they prepare for the upcoming school year.

The event was held at the Clay County Salvation Army in Middleburg, FL.

As the saying goes, "It takes a village..."

Eleven members of Lake Shore Lodge showed up in full force to sort donations, distribute shoes, grill hot dogs, and helping families navigate the resource booths: Shaelyn Jones, Ralph Page, Lydia Harkey, Sonya Harkey, Paula Dion, David Gage, Frank Royal, Paula Castleberry, Wayne Harkey, Don Laye, and Bill Dion.

"This is what the heart of our Lodge is all about," said Lake Shore Lodge President David Gage. "When we come together to serve, especially for the kids in our community, we're living out our mission in the best way possible."

Lodge members also took time to share information about Moose programs, including Mooseheart and our commitment to helping children and seniors nationwide.

Vero 1822 and Chapter 1541

Vero Moose Lodge 1822 and Chapter 1541 held their Back-to-School event where children children received free backpacks.

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Veterans continue to impact others

Dunnellon Moose Lodge 2308's Valued Veterans Committee is supporting Operation Breakfast as one of the ways they give back to veterans in the local Citrus County area.

The Operation Breakfast group Tony Brice started that gives local Vets a chance to make a difference in our Citrus County area continues to impact the community with hands-on community service projects.

Not only has Dunnellon Moose Lodge's Valued Veterans committee donated funds, its members have also participated in hands-on Operation Breakfast community service projects.

"We went to the Sam Franklin Jr. Football Camp in Lecanto, to assist with the parking and drinks last weekend," Dunnellon Moose Lodge member Donald Short posted on his personal Facebook page.



Donald Short stands with Denver Broncos' player Sam Franklin Jr. during Franklin's Football Camp for area children.

"While I was watching the drills, the coaches were putting the kids through, Sammy came up to me and said, 'It's been a long time. You're aging pretty good!'"

Short had no idea who he was, but quickly learned that he graduated from Citrus High School and is now a member of the Denver Broncos.

Franklin had come back home to give back to his hometown community through youth Football programs.

"I was the mailman for central Inverness area, Short said. "He would have been a kid back then. I'm impressed he even recognized me!"

The impact you make on others can be ever-lasting. And here, years later, they both were serving their community in the same arena.

TOP PHOTO: Valued Veterans committee members Jose Becarra, Charlie Zittle, and Don Short, presented a check for \$300 to Joe's Restaurant owner Joanne Donnelly to help with expenses associated with meals that are cooked once a week for a Veterans Camp. Tom Brice, owner of Operation Breakfast, was included in the presentation. Meals are delivered by Faith Farms. **TOP PHOTO BY FLOYD BLODGETT.**

Three Heart of the Community projects planned for FMA Annual Convention

Servant's Heart Ministry and Give Kids the World to benefit

KIMBERLY KELLY, FMA Heart of the Community Chairman

Heart of the Community efforts during the Florida Moose Association Annual Convention include a stuffing mix donation drive, WISH pillowcase donation drive, and a special volunteer day event at Give Kids the World. Read below for complete schedule of projects:

Thursday, Sept 18

FMA VOLUNTEER DAY

A one-day Stuffing Mix Drive

Twenty volunteers are needed to serve breakfast to the families staying at Give Kids the World on Thursday, September 18.



Volunteers will meet in the Rosen Plaza lobby and carpool to Give Kids the World to work at Café Clayton from 7:30-10:30 a.m.

Text Julie Anderson at 850-303-3741 to sign up.

If you have never volunteered at GKTW before, go to <https://www.volgistics.com/appform/1222367423> and complete the application form, and follow any instructions that may follow.

Give Kids The World Village is an 89-acre, nonprofit "storybook" resort in Central Florida. Here, children with critical illnesses and their families are treated to weeklong, cost-free vacations.

Friday, Sept 19:

STUFF ORLANDO

One-day Stuffing Mix Drive

As holidays approach, many families face increased challenges in securing meals. Stuffing mix was chosen because it has nutritional benefits including antioxidants, fiber, and vitamins, and it brings comfort to families.

Donations from the STUFF ORLANDO donation drive will help



provide nutritious meals for those in the Pine Castle/Orlando area. It does not matter what brand of stuffing, or if it is in a box or a bag.

Once the HOC committee processes the donations they will be delivered to Servant's Heart Ministry in Pine Castle on Saturday, September 20 thanks to one of our association members who graciously has provided a trailer and personnel to make the delivery.

Servant's Heart Ministry is a faith-based organization established to feed children, seniors, and other vulnerable individuals through community partnerships by providing basic needs, and empowering people to grow and thrive in their own neighborhoods.

What makes Servant's Heart Ministry unique is they are more than just a food pantry.

They deliver food to each participants' doorstep so they don't need transportation to receive assistance.

Qualified participants not only receive pantry items like STUFFING, they also receive fresh produce, meats, eggs, bakery items, and dairy products on a weekly basis, they also receive guidance on housing, job placement, budgets and health insurance if they need it.



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SERVANT'S HEART MINISTRY
Feeding Communities, Empowering Lives.

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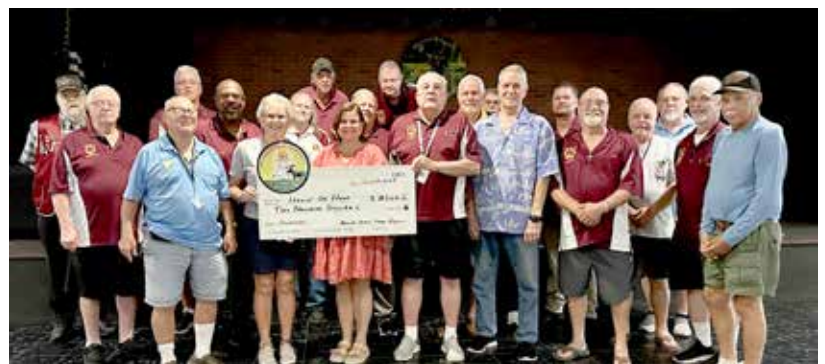
NEWS

Chapter, District, and
Special Committee news.



Each quarter, members of Venice Lodge 1308 volunteer to walk the mile and a half stretch of Auburn Road in front of their Lodge and picking up trash on behalf of Keep Sarasota County Beautiful. In July their "Auburn Road Warriors" collected eight bags of trash as part of this "Heart of the Community" initiative.

Submitted by Joe Toth, HOTC Chairman, Venice Lodge 1308




Merritt Island Moose Lodge 2073 Moose Legion Chairman Barry Miller presents a \$2,000 check to the House of Hope. Executive Director Stephen Young explained they help over 41,000 families receive 2.9 million lbs of food. They also provide for addiction recovery, medical care, and clothing. The MI Moose Legion has donated \$5,000 in the last 2 years serving the Heart of the Community

Submitted by Marv Gardner

FMA State Moose Riders Events


The FMA State Moose Riders group are a motorcycling activity group comprised of members of the Loyal Order of Moose and Women of the Moose. Below is a list of events and activities from both state and local groups.

 SAT, SEP 20
7 PM

**FMA State Moose Riders
Annual Convention Get-together**
2nd Floor, outside. Rosen Plaza

 DEC
DATE TO BE DETERMINED

FMA State Moose Riders State Meeting
Inverness Moose 2112

 SAT, JAN 24
7 PM

FMA State Moose Riders Check Presentation
Give Kids the World

 SAT
OCT 4

Hospice Run
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 SAT
NOV 8

Give Kids the World Run
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 SAT
MAR 21, 2026

Animal Run
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Send your Moose Riders news and photos to TheCourierFMA@gmail.com.



Moose Riders 1199



On August 9, 2025 During the Florida Moose Association District 1 Meeting, Tallahassee Moose Riders presented a check to Joanne Thomas, Florida Sheriff's Youth Ranch Donor relations representative.

During the presentation, Joanne and one of

the ranchers told stories of the good things that are happening within the Florida SherriFF Youth Ranches organization.

The check was in the amount of \$500. Way to go Tallahassee Moose Riders.

Submitted by Scott Duncan

**FLORIDA
WOMEN OF THE MOOSE
CHAPTER RALLY DAYS**

HOCUS POCUS
Its time to Focus

**OCTOBER 10-12, 2025
TO BE HELD AT
MOOSEHAVEN
1701 PARK AVENUE
ORANGE PARK, FL 32073**

**WORKSHOPS, SCAVENGER HUNT,
PASSPORTS TO STAMP,
COSTUME CONTEST, RAFFLES,
DOOR PRIZES, ROSE CEREMONY
OFFICIAL MEETING & ROLL CALL**

Dress In Theme

**AS ONE OF THE REQUIREMENTS FOR A
CHAPTER TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR THE AWARD
OF ACHIEVEMENT, THE CHAPTER SHALL
HAVE REPRESENTATION AT ANY WOM
RALLY DAY CELEBRATION**

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NEWS

AROUND THE STATE

Chapter, District, and
Special Committee news.



Dunnellon Moose Lodge 2308's Valued Veterans Committee recently donated to K9 Partners for Patriots, adding the organization to their list of veterans organization in which they support. Pictured is K9 Partners for Patriots founder Mary Peters accepting a donation from Dunnellon Moose Lodge 2308 Valued Veterans committee members Jose Becerra and Charlie Zittle.

According to their website (k9partnersforpatriots.com), K9 Partners for Patriots is dedicated to preventing veteran suicide and fostering hope for those battling PTSD, TBI, and MST. Through the unique bond formed while training their service dogs, we guide veterans from self-doubt to renewed confidence, promoting mental wellness through in-house counseling and reconnection in a supportive community.

Submitted by Dunnellon Moose Lodge 2308



Englewood Moose Lodge 1933 and WOTM Chapter 1582 donated a combined total of \$4000 to Foundations Early Childhood Education Center to fund their new "Growing Infants Room"

Submitted by Michele Martello



Michele Martello

A driving force behind Englewood Moose Lodge's charitable success

TROY BROUGHTON, Special to The Courier

At the heart of the Englewood Moose Lodge 1933, one name continues to stand out for unwavering dedication and community spirit—Michele Martello.

Serving as both the Lodge Chaplain and Women of the Moose (WOTM) Secretary, Michele has become a cornerstone of the lodge's charitable initiatives, especially in her leadership of the Moose Rocker, Cradle Fund, and the recent Because Florida Cares fundraiser.

Over the past years, Michele has taken the reins on these efforts, not only organizing events but actively engaging members through social media and in-person outreach. Her commitment was especially evident in the Because Florida Cares campaign, where Englewood Lodge raised an impressive \$2,000, ranking third in the state. Just behind Fort Walton Beach Lodge #2193 (\$3,795) and Sarasota Lodge #1319 (\$2,593.40).

Her hard work is a testament to why Englewood continues to be one of the top endowment donors in the state of Florida, consistently

showing up with strong participation and generous contributions.

According to Lodge Administrator Jay Andrade, Michele's impact is felt daily.

"She's here many days and nights, helping wherever she can," he shared. "She gathers volunteers, promotes causes online, and is always present during events like Queen of Hearts night to maximize donations."

Her efforts have not only boosted fundraising totals but also transformed lodge morale and engagement.

Members feel more connected to the causes they support, thanks to Michele's thoughtful explanations and personal outreach.

"All feedback about her work has been positive," Andrade said. "She's well known and respected among members, volunteers, and employees."

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78th ANNUAL CONVENTION FLORIDA MOOSE ASSOCIATION SEPTEMBER 18 – 21, 2025 ROSEN PLAZA, ORLANDO, FL

Heart of The Community Events: Volunteer at Give Kids the World Thursday Sep 18th
Fri Only, FMA STUFFS ORLANDO Donation Drive and Wish Pillowcases Donation Drive

BINGO FUN IN EVERY SESSION!!

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 18th

8AM-6PM REGISTRATION

MEETINGS

9:00AM Fraternal Education Trainers Meeting (*Salon 9*)
1:00-5:00PM FMA Executive Committee Meeting (*Salon 9*)
4:00PM Moose Legion Secretaries Meeting (*Salon 17*)
4:00PM Council of Higher Degrees (*Bob Robinson & Buddy Dugger, Salon 10*)
5:30 PM WOTM Past Deputies Dinner (*Café Matisse*)

WORKSHOPS

10:00-4:00PM WOTM Workshop (*B. Moffitt-Salon 12*)
10:00-4:30PM Lodge Leadership Training (*Limited Attendance - Salon 11*)
11:00-12:00PM Lodge Financial Review Committee (*Scott Kern-Salon 10*)
11:00-12:00PM Decorum & Disciplinary Action Under Section 48.8 (*Scott Duncan-Salon 14*)
1:00-3:00PM Risk Management/Loss Prevention (*Martin Fischer-Salon 10*)
3:00-4:00 PM How to Conduct a Successful Orientation (*Clarke Farmer, Jason Thornbloom - Salon 13*)
1:00-4:00 PM Quickbooks Online Assistance – (*Brenda Brady - Salon 14*)

6:00 PM FUN NIGHT (*Ballroom A*)

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 19th

8AM-5PM REGISTRATION

7:30AM ASSOCIATION FULL BOARD MEETING (*FMA Executive Committee, District Presidents, Past Supreme Gov's and International Appointees (Ballroom B,C,D)*)
7:45AM NOMINATING COMMITTEE MEETING (*FMA Executive Committee, District Presidents, 4 FMA Past Presidents by juniority, and 5 others by invitation (Ballroom B,C,D)*)
8:15AM MEMORIAL SERVICE PRACTICE (*Gerry Dubois, Babs Moffitt & Angels*)
9:00-11:15AM GENERAL SESSION I (*Ballroom B,C,D*)

TO ANNOUNCE AT BEGINING OF ALL SESSIONS: Front row middle is reserved for M.L. Appointments – Please be up front and prepared for reports – Safety Briefing

MEMORIAL SERVICE (*Chaplain Gerry Dubois & Barbara Moffitt - Ballroom B,C,D*)

- a) Convention Opening/Call to Order (*Jr. Past President James Esposito*)
- b) Safety Briefing (*James Esposito*)
- c) Invocation (*Chaplain Gerry Dubois*)
- d) National Anthem
- e) Pledge of Allegiance (*Sgt-At-Arms Jay Andrade*)
- f) Report of Credentials Committee - (*Lois Myers*)
- g) Convention Obligation (*Jr. Past President James Esposito*)
- h) President's Oath & Presentation of Gavel (*Jr. Past President James Esposito*)
- i) Welcome & Recognition of First Time Attendees & Veterans (*Todd Anderson*)
- j) FMA Past Presidents Recognition
- k) Welcome of Intl Assist Director of Membership Troy King
- l) CEO Scott Hart (*Video*)
- m) Roll Call of Officers and Committee Chairs (*Dan O'Neal*)
- n) Roll Call of Lodges (*Explain Scanners - Dan O'Neal*)
- o) Introduction and Remarks of O.V. John Reiter (*Todd Anderson*)
- p) Report of Rules & Order Committee (*Jerry Thompson*)
- q) Report of Nominating Committee (*Todd Anderson*)
- r) Report of Secretary (including General Law 51.5) (*Dan O'Neal*)
- s) 2024 Convention & 2025 FB Minutes (*Dan O'Neal*)
- t) Treasurer's Report (*Walter Wommack*)
- u) 2025-2026 Budget (*Walter Wommack*)
- v) Lifetime Achievement Award (*Dan O'Neal*)
- w) Publications (*Kimberly Kelly*)
- x) Government Relations/Gaming (*Stephen Vella, Jerry Monk*)
- y) Historical Committee (*Ross Fleet*)
- z) Financial Review Committee (*Richard Jones*)
- aa) Bylaws & Resolutions (*Jerry Thompson*)
- bb) WOTM Grand Chancellor Barb McPherson (*Video*)
- cc) Report of Chapter Advocate Barbara Moffitt
- dd) Motion to Approve all Reports

RECESS

12:00 PM PILGRIM LUNCHEON (Ballroom A - Pre-purchased Ticket Required)
12:00 PM WOTM HIGHER DEGREE LUNCHEON (Salon 9-10 - Pre-purchased Ticket Required)

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Celebrations, chili, and cars scheduled at Moosehaven

The Moosehaven campus will celebrate both the new Sports and Recreation Center and Riverfront Pavilion on Friday, November 7 at 1:30 p.m.

Held at the new AAA Recreation Center on Moosehaven's campus at 1701 Park Avenue, Orange Park, FL 32073, the event will coincide with the 15th Annual Chili Cook-Off and Car Show.

The 26,000 square foot Recreation Center is now located where the New York Sports Complex stood.

It will feature state-of-the-art amenities including an indoor heated swimming pool, showers, gym/fitness center, multi-purpose room for group dance and exercise classes, bowling alley, electronic darts, billiards, indoor shuffleboard, golf simulator, poker

room, game room with retro pinball machines, a centrally located beverage bar, and an outdoor patio with seating area, flower gardens, and a fire pit.

The AAA Pavilion is located on the riverside of the campus and will host a variety of outdoor

activities.

The 15th Annual Chili Cook-Off and Car Show will be held Saturday, November 8, from 10:00 a.m.-4:00pm!

For more information, visit: www.moosehaven.org/chili-cook-off.

AROUND THE

STATE

Chapter, District, and Special Committee news.



Representatives from Palatka Moose Lodge visited HCA Florida Putnam Hospital to deliver several cases of Tommy Moose dolls for distribution to children visiting the emergency department as patients, or as loved ones of patients.

Submitted by Noemí Álvarez

UNITING HEARTS; EXPANDING HORIZONS !

MOOSEHEART'S

2025 - 2028,

\$12,000,000

FUNDRAISING

CAMPAIGN

<p>▶ Three fully renovated Mooseheart homes</p> <p>Redesigned to serve children and adults with intellectual or developmental disabilities.</p> <p>▶ Critical infrastructure upgrades</p> <p>Including new paving, curbs, sidewalks, and modernized water lines across key areas of our campus.</p> <p>▶ A state-of-the-art Fresh Water Treatment Plant</p> <p>Ensuring safety and sustainability for</p>	<p>▶ Three brand-new, purpose-built homes</p> <p>Community Integrated Living Arrangements that offer independence with dignity.</p> <p>▶ A revitalized track and discus cage</p> <p>Because every child deserves a place to run, compete, and dream.</p> <p>▶ Renovation of ten Family Teacher Quarters of homes</p> <p>The heart of our caregiving</p>
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More than just supplies, Child ID events were held in conjunction with other school-related projects

SCHOOL, from page 5

Vero Lodge and Chapter distributed Tommy Moose plush dolls and backpacks to the Indian River County Sheriff's Department and Believe and Achieve.

A special Balloon Auction raised \$1988 for IRC Believe & Achieve for Autism.

These events, and others not listed, helped hundreds of students get the supplies they need to start the school year off right.

It's events like these are true demonstrations of what the Moose fraternity stands for: service, compassion, and community.



Arcadia Chapter 1597

Arcadia Chapter 1597 held a Back to School event that included 148 backpacks with school supplies handed out, 37 children photographed & ID'd at the Safe Surfing table, and 67 children received free haircuts from Missy Fountain, Arcadia Chapter's Mooseheart/ Moosehaven Chairwoman, at her salon Mismo Visions Hair on Saturday, August 2. In total, she gave 124 free haircuts to children during the week. "Mismo Bear" was also in attendance to greet the kids.

See **SCHOOL** page 17



Florida Moose Association Lodges from Port Saint Lucie, Jensen Beach, Fort Pierce, Vero Beach, and Palm Bay provided ten volunteers at the Special Olympics Florida Area 6 Bowling Tournament.

Special Olympics Florida Area 6 Bowling Tournament

SCOTT DUNCAN, Special to The Courier

August 3, 2025 will be remembered by the close to two hundred athletes that participated in the Area 6 Bowling Tournament.

In order to make this event a success, they needed just about that many volunteers.

Each lane had at least one volunteer, guiding the athletes to the correct lane, reminding them when it was time to bowl, and helping to keep everyone focused at their game.

Okay, we were cheering them on too.

I am proud to say, the Florida Moose Association Lodges from Port Saint Lucie, Jensen Beach, Fort Pierce, Vero Beach, and Palm Bay provided ten of those volunteers.

Each volunteer was assigned a lane and worked side by side with the athletes.

I know we have raised thousands of dollars for Special Olympics in Florida, but this is different.

It was about the lives we touched, the feeling we accomplished something, and the celebration when the competition was all over.

It would be a mistake if I did not mention the comradery between the athletes: sportsmanship, cheering each other on, and

still doing their best to get the highest score possible.

In Area 6, athletes participated from many different counties. Martin, Saint Lucie, Indian River, and Okeechobee.

This competition is a great way to show, what these athletes can do, no matter what their challenges are.

We had participants in wheelchairs, and those able to walk around. No one was left behind, if they wanted to bowl, they were included.

This competition was a qualifier for the State Bowling Tournament coming up September 12-13 in Orlando.

They will need 90 volunteers to assist in monitoring lanes, they will need Awards Helpers, and if they fill all those spots, they will need spectators cheering on the athletes.

There are so many ways you can get involved, in your own county. Visit the Special Olympics of Florida website and find the GET INVOLVED button.

The Polar Plunge will always be the venue to help support events and athletes. But the volunteers, they really make things happen with boots, or bowling shoes, on the ground and cheers in the stands.

For more information on volunteer opportunities contact Jessica Stein, volunteer@sofl.org, or 352-243-9536 x 536

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AROUND THE STATE

Chapter, District, and
Special Committee news.



Sponsorship supports families in need

Women of the Moose Chapter 1582 Englewood Moose 1933 donated \$1000.00 to be a sponsor at their upcoming 2025 Family Promise of South Sarasota County - Sweet Dreams: Night of Giving Gala in October.

Since opening its doors in 2015, FPSSC has served over 1,179 families through direct

services such as shelter, case management, rent assistance, and long-term support programs such as Bridge Housing and Open Doors. In 2024 alone, the organization served 139 families, 274 children and 186 adults. All proceeds from the gala will benefit FPSSC's programs and projects, ensuring continued support for families working toward housing stability and economic mobility.

Submitted by Michele Martello



Lodge partners to aid Explorer Program

Inverness 2112 Moose Legion Committee, Inverness WOTM 1773, Inverness Snowbird Euchre Club, and VFW Post 4252, partnered to donate \$5,500 to the Citrus County Sheriff's Office Explorer program. Pictured (L-R): Explorers Lexi Outler and Michael Kelly, Jr Past Regent Brenda Naylor and Secretary Grace Wilkerson, President of Snowbird Club Linda Houston, Moose Legion Chairman Jeff Schoop, Explorer Kirsten Vanleu, and Deputy Trace Mullins CCSO.

Submitted by Larry Wilkerson



Support staff find news ways to have fun

JULIE ANDERSON, *Special to The Courier*

This year I have had the honor of being the FMA state president's wife.

One of my duties as the support person for the president is to come up with a fun way for the other support staff to spend the day during the full board meetings.

In January, we hosted paint stick bingo for the residents complete with a hot coco bar and snacks.

During the July meeting many of the support team participated in a fun knowledge hunt around Moosehaven.

We started with a lemonade bar and drew for teams. Then the teams were given a list of places to visit and learn about.

We were lucky to have some residents join the teams and many residents helped with educating us at each stop. We had two drivers that joined our teams also and saved us the steps as it turned out to be a very hot morning.

We learned all kinds of interesting new facts and even stopped for some shopping and ice cream.

We decided to call ourselves support staff instead of spouse, friend or significant other as that is what we are. We are the people behind the scenes not only supporting our person but also supporting each other along this moose journey.

If you are a support person and not part of the FMA Support Team group on Facebook, please send a request so we can add you to our page. ways present during events like Queen of Hearts night to maximize donations."



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Spring Hill 521 and Chapter 1765

Spring Hill Moose Lodge 521 and Chapter 1765 held a School Supplies Drive at Deltona Elementary School's Open House on August 7, 2025. Pictured are Maureen Robinson, Robin McDermott, Angie Balderson, and Susan Moglia.



Big Pine WOTM Chapter 1810

Big Pine WOTM Chapter 1810 members packed 144 backpacks for Monroe County School District. Each were stuffed with required items for each grade level. Every middle school and high school backpack even got ear buds. Pictured are Helene Atkins, Semoy Thomas, Debbie Davis, Kathleen Mechler, and Ellen Guilford.



Fort Walton Beach 2193

Fort Walton Beach 2193 participated in the Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office and Fort Walton Beach Police Department's National Night Out. Juan Quiles Jr and Nannette Roaden are pictured as they assisted a family at the Lodge's Child ID table. They were able to complete 10 Child IDs in just over one hour.

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Florida Chapter Members reach minestones

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5 CLUB: Terry Gaylord, Nassau 2355. Sharon Stubbs, Winter Haven 1152. Iera Morrison, Sarasota 1968. Cindy Gruener, Bradenton 1072. Anna-Marie Mitchell, North Port 1892. Pamela Woodward, Fort Walton Beach 2320. Angela Henderson, Cape Coral 815. Donna Schneider, Nassau 2355. Tammy Chiappa, Davie 1686. Linda Robertson, Zephyrhills 1682. Janet Funk, Daytona Beach 1019. Jennifer Mickey, Nassau 2355. Rachel Baker, North Port 1892. Kathleen Skoda, North Port 1892. Ellen Guilford, Big Pine Key 1810. Debbie Eisenback, Anna Maria Island 1601. Lisa Plourde, Vero Beach 1541. Michelle Clark, Sarasota 1968. Trula Morris, Dunnellon 1662. Kimberly Marks, Spring Hill 1765. Lisa Arcari-Cummings, Cape Coral

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Friday, Sept 19:

WISH PILLOWCASE

A one-day Donation Drive

Moose members across Florida have been making WISH Pillowcases that will go to each child who visits Give Kids the World Village.



Buttons, the resident squirrel that lives inside the Castle of Miracles's mysterious forest, ensures that every child leaves with a little something special... that being their own WISH pillow. Each is a labor of love from our Moose family, and other organizations, who sew each one with tender care and love for the child who receives it. They are a magical memento of the child's fun retreat and provides a cheerful reminder of their adventures while at Give Kids the World and the Orlando, FL area.

It also serves as a comfy traveling companion for the journey home, the pillowcase pocket a place to keep their momentos, and leave out their dreams. Give Kids The World gives approximately 21,000 pillows away each year.

WISH Pillowcases can be dropped off at the Heart of the Community table on Friday, September 19.

Directions will be available at the Heart of the Community table for those who wish to make them in the future.



Moose members take a break during the first day of Moose education sessions at the Inaugural FMA Training Jamboree. The three-day event was held at Moosehaven and offered a variety of training for those who attended.

Moose education sessions held at Inaugural FMA Training Jamboree

KEN BYGLER, FMA Fraternal Education Chairman

On June 26, 27 & 28, 2025 the FMA Fraternal Education Committee, with the backing of the FMA Executive Committee, hosted the first ever Training Jamboree at Moosehaven Campus in Orange Park, Florida.

This event provided a unique opportunity for Lodge Officers and membership to attend Moose Educational sessions, discuss the Moose Mission, and experience the wonder that is Moosehaven firsthand.

Educational sessions offered were the two-day Administrator course, and one-day sessions for Lodge Leadership, Moose Legion Educational Conference (MLEC), 2- HOTT and Women of the Moose (WOTM).

These courses were offered on multiple days and provided a one stop venue for membership to meet the education requirements for Administrators, Lodge Officers, Chapter Officers and Moose Legion Directors.

The Jamboree was open to all members in our Fraternity. Members in attendance were from:

- Florida Moose Association
- Mississippi Moose Association
- Illinois Moose Association
- North Carolina Moose Association
- Indiana Moose Association
- Arizona/New Mexico Moose Association,
- and even from as far away as the
- California-Nevada Moose Association.

Attendees included current and past Moose International Directors, Pilgrim Council Members, Moose International Committee Members, Moose Charity Directors, Moosehaven Directors, Grand Council Members, Higher Degree Board Members, our new Moose International Training Manager, Moose Legion Area Coordinators, Moose Legion Ambassadors, Territory Managers, Lodge and Chapter Officers, Moosehaven residents and general members who wanted to learn about the Moose.

Of course, we also had our dedicated group of Moose Educators who led these sessions exceptionally as always.

There were 152 individual registrants were credited with 238 course credits over the three days.

Breakout sessions were held in the early evening on Thursday and Friday.

On Thursday, the round table discussion included successes and failures in Moose Group interactions and to promote cooperation between Lodges, Chapters and Moose Legions. In depth discussion was held on how they can and should support each other's efforts.

There were many great ideas and stories shared by those in attendance.

see **JAMBOREE**, page 22

BELOW: Day 2 of the FMA Training Jamboree saw a number of members adding sessions to their list of training needs.



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FMA Moose Quilt Raffle for the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches

This beautiful Quilt was made by an anonymous donor from the children's camping shirts that the Moose have provided for each year for many years.

Tickets are \$5.00 each

and available through each

FMA District President and at the
FMA Annual Convention.



Drawing will take place the afternoon of Saturday, September 9, 2025.
All tickets **MUST** be filled out with your Name - Lodge # and Phone number. All proceeds benefit the Children at the Youth Ranches.

AGENDA, from page 12

- l) CEO Scott Hart (*Video*)
- m) Roll Call of Officers and Committee Chairs (*Dan O'Neal*)
- n) Roll Call of Lodges (*Explain Scanners - Dan O'Neal*)
- o) Introduction and Remarks of O.V. John Reiter (*Todd Anderson*)
- p) Report of Rules & Order Committee (*Jerry Thompson*)
- q) Report of Nominating Committee (*Todd Anderson*)
- r) Report of Secretary (including General Law 51.5) (*Dan O'Neal*)
- s) 2024 Convention & 2025 FB Minutes (*Dan O'Neal*)
- t) Treasurer's Report (*Walter Wommack*)
- u) 2025-2026 Budget (*Walter Wommack*)
- v) Lifetime Achievement Award (*Dan O'Neal*)
- w) Publications (*Kimberly Kelly*)
- x) Government Relations/Gaming (*Stephen Vella, Jerry Monk*)
- y) Historical Committee (*Ross Fleet*)
- z) Financial Review Committee (*Richard Jones*)
- aa) Bylaws & Resolutions (*Jerry Thompson*)
- bb) WOTM Grand Chancellor Barb McPherson (*Video*)
- cc) Report of Chapter Advocate Barbara Moffitt
- dd) Motion to Approve all Reports

RECESS

12:00 PM PILGRIM LUNCHEON (Ballroom A - Pre-purchased Ticket Required)
12:00 PM WOTM HIGHER DEGREE LUNCHEON (Salon 9-10 - Pre-purchased Ticket Required)

1:30-3:30 PM GENERAL SESSION II - (Ballroom B,C,D)

- a) Report of President (*Todd Anderson*)
- b) Moosehaven (*Video*)
- c) Report on Moosehaven (*Helen Taylor*)
- d) Risk Management (*Fred Scott & Martin Fischer*)
- e) Heart of The Community (*Kimberly Kelly*)
- f) Youth Awareness (*Todd-Julie Anderson, Candy Saindon*)
- g) Activities/Sports (*Cindy Barnhart*)
- h) Special Olympics (*Terri Plourde*)
- i) Moose Riders (*Maureen 'Mo' Holland*)
- j) Safe Surfin (*Buddy Franklin*)
- k) Valued Veterans & Veterans Affairs (*Frank Venditti & Larry D'Angelo*)
- l) Fraternal Education (*Ken Bygler*)
- m) Report of Moose Legion Ambassadors (*Kenny Rogers, Scott Kern, Joe Eriksen & Buddy Dugger*)
- n) Webmaster (*Marvin Gardner & Jim Blanchard*)
- o) Council of Higher Degrees (*Buddy Dugger, Bob Robinson*)
- p) Emergency Relief (*Wayne Beyer*)
- q) Remarks from Official Visitor (*John Reiter*)
- r) Motion to Approve all Reports

RECESS

4:00 PM PILGRIM PRESENTATION REHEARSAL (Ballroom B,C,D)

6:30 PM PILGRIM PRESENTATION (all invited) (Ballroom B,C,D)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20th

6AM-4PM REGISTRATION

7:00 AM FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST & CONFERRAL (Ballroom A)
(All must purchase - Candidates receive a complimentary breakfast)

9:00 AM GENERAL SESSION III - (Ballrooms B,C,D)
March of Checks - To be collected at the door - Recognition of >\$500 to be read in Session IV

- a) Call to Order (*Todd Anderson*)
- b) Recognition of new Fellows/Pilgrims/AOF/SR/COR



New Administration and QuickBooks Training unveiled at Lehigh Acres 2266

The new Administrator & QuickBooks Training hosted by Lehigh Acres 2266, on August 27 and 28, was a huge success. 33 members in attendance, including International Fraternal Education Manager, Steven Glover.


Brenda Brady, from Port St. Lucie lodge 513, did a fantastic job presenting the brand new curriculum. The first new update in over a decade.

The class was very engaging and informative.

We look forward to seeing the next generation of the Hands on Technical training that is already being developed.

Expect the next in person training course you attend, Lodge Leadership, Administrator & QuickBooks, or 2-HOTT to be very different from the previous versions.

Florida Moose Association's



**PILGRIM
GET AWAY**


Accommodation at:
Holiday Inn
Wells Rd. Orange
Park, FL

***See FMA Web-site for Hotel and Registration**

Saturdays Events:
At
Moosehaven
Lunch: TBD
Dinner: Prime Rib

October 17, 18, 2025
Fellowship, Fun and Games

Pilgrim Moosehaven Traditional Residents must still register on the FMA website to receive the complimentary meal drinks for themselves and their spouse.



Saturday Agenda

10:00 AM – Arrival at Moosehaven: We'll begin with a Pilgrim Meeting to discuss various topics relevant to our group.

12:00 PM – Lunch: served with a selection of beverages including sweet tea, unsweet tea, soda, and water.

Afternoon – Games & Activities: After lunch, we'll enjoy a variety of games and activities designed to promote fun and fellowship among attendees.

6:00 PM – Dinner
We'll conclude the day with a group Prime Rib Dinner.

INTERNATIONAL APPOINTMENTS

MOOSE INTERNATIONAL OFFICERS:

Chairman of the Board John R. Reiter, Inverness, FL
Director Sandy Johnston, Longmont, CO

MOOSE INTERNATIONAL APPOINTED OFFICERS:

Outer Guard Christopher Pedone, Cocoa, FL

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Executive Director Helen Taylor, Lake Shore 2020.

PILGRIM COUNCIL:

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ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE:

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LOSS PREVENTION COMMITTEE:

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MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE:

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Julie Anderson, Panama City, FL

MOOSEHEART BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

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MOOSEHAVEN BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

Chairman of the Board John R. Reiter, Inverness, FL
Scott Kern, Sanford, FL

MOOSEHAVEN OFFICERS:

Vice President Helen Taylor, Lake Shore 2020

Moose Foundation Officers & Directors:

Director F. Ross Fleet, Lake Shore 2020

WOTM International Higher Degrees Board:

Kimberly Kelly, Dunnellon, FL

Moose Legion Ambassadors:

Joseph Eriksen
Ken Rogers
Daniel Duggar
Scott Kern



ABOVE: By the conclusion of Day 3, 152 Moose members had participated in a variety of training including the two-day Administrator course, and one-day sessions for Lodge Leadership, Moose Legion Educational Conference (MLEC), 2- HOTT and Women of the Moose (WOTM). RIGHT: Florida Moose Association Trainers.



JAMBOREE, from page 19

On Friday evening the breakout presentation was on the vitally important Financial Review Committee.

At the conclusion of the educational sessions a graduation party was held Saturday night that included Karaoke and refreshments, along with a graduation cake, were provided thanks to the generosity of the our Moose Legion jurisdictions. A great time was had by all.

If you ever suspected Moosehaven residents do not have any energy you should have seen them dancing the night away.

A shoutout to Sherry Fragapane and Sierra Morrison who held 50/50 raffles each day and raised over \$2,000 that also helped offset costs of this event.

Not enough can be said about the Moosehaven staff and their level of professionalism. From planning at the start with Helen

Taylor and Susan Luke to the amazing set-up work herding us to the correct parking spaces the wonderful lunches provided, tours of the campus, and the resident bartenders this event went off like we had been doing it for years and not for the first time all due to their cooperation, guidance and dedication to making this event such a success.

A personal thank you to the educators who gave up their time to lead these educational sessions and support the process of coordinating multiple sessions. It is truly an honor to Chair the FMA Fraternal Education Committee and work with this dedicated group of individuals who give of themselves repeatedly to ensure that our Leadership, current and future, have the tools they need to keep this Fraternity moving forward.

If you were there this year thank you for attending. If you missed it this year we look forward to seeing you at next year's event.

Women of the Moose Chapter #1582 donated \$500 to Our Mayor 4 a Day.

Pictured is Jo Ann Newman, Addison Morey, Debbie Boudreaux, Michelle Martello, Shay Kelly, and Shannon Elliott (in front).



SUCCESS, from page 11

Beyond fundraising, Michele also manages the lodge's resale merchandise program, handling everything from supplier coordination to inventory and sales.

Her leadership extended to organizing

the lodge's participation in Moosehaven Carnival Days, where she successfully led a booth and coordinated a bus trip for lodge members to attend and support the event.

Michele's work exemplifies the values of the Moose community: Service, compas-

sion, and initiative.

Her tireless efforts have made a measurable difference, not just in dollars raised, but in the spirit of the Englewood Lodge.

"Michele is a wonderful asset to Mooseheart, Moosehaven, our lodge, and our community," Andrade said

Florida Moose Association Calendar



SUN
SEP 6

Moose Legion Cypress 202 Conferral
Golden Triangle 874



SUN
SEP 14

Moose Legion 46 Conferral
Miramar



THU-SUN
SEP 18-21

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SAT, SEP 27
4 PM

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4 PM

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SAT, OCT 11
3 PM

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