MOOSE LIVE WIRE

NEWSLETTER OF THE HAYWARD-CASTRO VALLEY MOOSE LODGE 1491

NOVEMBER - DECEMBER 2026

20835 Rutledge Road, Castro Valley, California 94546 . 510-537-0830

Loyal Order of the Moose 1491 & Women of the Moose Chapter 934 "A Family Fraternity"







President	**Bonnie Russell**
Administrator	**Dina Munday**

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Administrator Assistant (Finance)	Lili Xu
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LODGE MEETINGS

7:00pm

1st WEDNESDAY
We will also celebrate
birthdays with a cake

3rd WEDNESDAY
We will be serving dinner
after the meeting

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Together, We Make Our Lodge Stronger

Dear Moose Family,
I want to take a moment to express my heartfelt appreciation for each and every one of you who makes our Moose Lodge such a special place. Our lodge is more than a building, more than meetings, and more than the events we host.
Our lodge is a family, built on the dedication, generosity, and fellowship of its members.
First and foremost, I want to recognize our incredible volunteers. Thank you for the countless hours you give, the hard work you put in, and the willingness you show to step up whenever there is a need. Whether you are helping with events, organizing activities, cleaning up behind the scenes, or lending a hand wherever you are needed, please know that your efforts do not go unnoticed. So much of what makes our lodge successful happens because someone quietly gives their time, energy, and heart. For that, I am truly grateful.
But I also want to emphasize something equally important: **every member matters.**
You do not have to hold an office, serve on a committee, or volunteer at every event to make a difference. Your membership matters. Your presence matters. Your encouragement, friendship, participation, and support matter. Every time you walk through our doors, bring a friend, attend an event, support a fundraiser, or offer a kind word, you contribute to the spirit and success of our lodge.
A strong lodge is not built by a handful of people doing everything. It is built when all of us recognize that we have a part to play. Some contribute their time, some share their talents, some offer their ideas, and others simply bring the fellowship and positive energy that make people feel welcome. Every contribution, big or small, helps us move forward together.
As we continue to grow and strengthen our lodge, I encourage each member to get involved in whatever way feels right for them. If you have a little time to give, we welcome you. If you see a mess and clean it up, we thank you. If you have a skill to share, we need you. If you have an idea that could make our lodge even better, we want to hear it. And if you are someone who simply enjoys being part of our Moose family, please know how much your presence means.
Let us continue to support one another, celebrate one another's efforts, welcome new members, and remember why we belong to this organization. When we work together with respect, kindness, and a shared commitment to our mission, there is so much we can accomplish.
To our volunteers, thank you for all that you do. To our members, thank you for being part of our family. I am proud of what we accomplish together, and I am excited about what lies ahead for our lodge.

Remember, it takes all of us to make our lodge successful. Together, we are stronger, together we make a difference, and together we make our Moose Lodge a place we can all be proud to call home.
With heartfelt appreciation and Moose pride,

Bonnie Russell
President

Women of the Moose
BOARD OF OFFICERS AND CHAIRMAN
2026-2027

Sr. Regent **Joanna Hewitt**

Officers

Jr. Past Regent	Dina Munday
Treasurer	Teri Castro
Secretary	Chris Christ
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Application Review	Liz Hayes
Membership	Esther Arc-Boyadjian
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Higher Degrees	Annie Smith
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Audit Chairman	Cheryl Branin

WOMEN OF THE MOOSE MEETINGS 2nd WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH 6:00pm

LODGE MOOSE LEGION

Meeting update:
2nd Tuesday of every month @ 6:30
CV/Hayward Moose lodge
Game room
Please come out and join the meeting to get all the news.

Senior Regents Message

Goodbye Fall, Hello Winter!

As October comes to a close, I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone who helped plan, decorate, and prepare for our Halloween Party. It truly takes a village, and because so many members came together, the event was a wonderful success.

We also hosted our annual Trunk or Treat event, featuring games, face painting, food, and, of course, plenty of candy! The turnout was fantastic, and it was wonderful to see so many families enjoying the festivities. Thank you to everyone who contributed their time and effort to make this event possible. The smiles on the children's faces said it all!

Earlier this month, I had the pleasure of attending the WOTM Chapter Rally in San Diego. The costume-themed event was filled with fun, laughter, and fellowship. I am proud to share that our WOTM Chapter brought home multiple ribbons!

If you are a Lodge member and not yet involved with WOTM, I invite you to join us. We meet on the second Wednesday of each month in the hall for our meeting, followed by an activity and dinner. Come see what we're all about and discover the friendships and opportunities that make our chapter so special.

Coming Soon!

We are excited to announce that several craft events will be coming soon. Some events may be open to WOTM members and qualified guests only, making this the perfect time to join! Be sure to watch for upcoming flyers with event details.

Save the Date!

Join us for our **Annual Holiday Market** on **Sunday, December 6th, from 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM**. Shop from local vendors, support small businesses, and get a head start on your holiday shopping. We look forward to seeing you there!

As the holiday season approaches, we invite all Moose families to join us for our **Annual Holiday Party for the Kids of the Moose** on **December 19th**!

Come together with us as we celebrate the spirit of the season and create lasting memories filled with fun, laughter, and holiday cheer. Children will enjoy a festive afternoon, and we're excited to announce a **special appearance by Santa Claus**, who will be stopping by to spread joy and holiday magic!



Save the Date: December 19th



More details will be coming soon, so keep an eye out for upcoming announcements. We look forward to celebrating this wonderful time of year with you and your family!

Always a pleasure, JoJo, Sr Regent WOTM Chapter 934

ADMINISTRATORS NOTE

As we approach the end of another year, I want to thank our members, volunteers, and officers for everything they have done to make our Lodge a better place. From resurfacing our parking lot and painting our hall to hosting numerous events and fundraisers, we have accomplished a lot this year! None of this would be possible without the dedication and support of our members.

We have some fun events coming up! Our **Roaring 20's Casino Night is November 7th**, followed by our **Friendsgiving Potluck on Thursday, November 19th**. Bring a dish to share and enjoy an evening with your Moose family. On **Thursday, December 17th**, we will host our **Tom & Jerry Party and Potluck**, featuring free Tom & Jerrys, hot toddies, and eggnog! I hope to see everyone come out and enjoy the holiday season together.

Looking ahead, we have an exciting **Official Visitor Weekend January 14–16, 2027!** On Thursday, January 14th, **Gordie Dailey, Moose International Director of Operations**, will host our New Member Orientation. This is a wonderful opportunity for both new and longtime members to learn more about our fraternity.

On Saturday, January 16th, we will proudly host the **Alacosta Moose Legion's 100th Anniversary Celebration**, featuring **Shawn Baile, Director of Moose Legion and Higher Degrees**, as our special guest speaker. The evening begins with no-host cocktails from 5:00–6:00 p.m., dinner catered by the Buon Tempo Club at 6:00 p.m., followed by our anniversary program and live entertainment by **The Generations at 7:30 p.m.** Tickets are **$25 per person**, and everyone attending will receive a special commemorative gift. Members and qualified guests only.

As we celebrate the holidays, let's remember what our fraternity is all about: **Mooseheart, Moosehaven, our communities, and the friendships we share.** I encourage everyone to continue sponsoring new members, supporting our events, and lending a helping hand whenever possible.

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered, supported our activities, or simply stopped by to enjoy time with fellow members. You are what makes our Lodge special!

From my family to yours, I wish everyone a **Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas, and a Happy, Healthy New Year!**

See you at the Lodge!

Fraternally, **Dina Munday**
Administrator

NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION

DECEMBER 17, 2026

PLEASE JOIN US AT 6:30 TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE MOOSE LODGE AND WHAT IT IS ALL ABOUT.

HAYWARD/CASTRO VALLEY MOOSE LODGE #1491



GAME & POTLUCK

WEAR YOUR GEAR AND CHEER ON YOUR TEAM!

FOOD ★ FRIENDS ★ PRIZES



NOVEMBER 8, 2026

1:05 GAME TIME

MEMBERS AND QUALIFIED GUESTS ONLY

HAYWARD/CASTRO VALLEY MOOSE LODGE and THE RED CROSS ARE HOSTING A

American Red Cross

BLOOD DRIVE

GIVE BLOOD. SAVE LIVES.

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 14, 2026

9:00 AM – 2:00 PM

REGISTER AT:

https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?zipSponsor=CVML

Scan the QR code to register!

LIMITED SPOTS AVAILABLE!

YOUR DONATION MAKES A DIFFERENCE!

ONE DONATION CAN SAVE UP TO 3 LIVES.

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR COMMUNITY!

TOGETHER, WE CAN MAKE A BIG IMPACT.

★ **HAYWARD/CASTRO VALLEY MOOSE LODGE 1491**

SERVING OUR COMMUNITY • SUPPORTING LIFE • MAKING A DIFFERENCE

★★ YOU SERVED. WE THANK YOU. ★★

BBQ Lunch

★ FOR OUR VALUED VETERANS

★ AT HAYWARD CASTRO VALLEY 1491 ★

HAYWARD CASTRO VALLEY
1491
MOOSE LODGE
MEMBERSHIP MEANS MORE

VETERANS EAT FREE!
THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE!



ALL OTHERS
$15
PER PERSON

ENJOY A DELICIOUS BBQ LUNCH WITH GREAT FOOD AND GREAT COMPANY!

★★★★★

★ OUR VALUED VETERAN OF THE YEAR ★
WILL BE NAMED IN A SPECIAL CEREMONY



★ SUNDAY ★
NOVEMBER 15, 2026
12:00 PM – 2:00 PM

MOOSE HEART

★ THANK YOU, VETERANS! ★
We Appreciate You!

HAYWARD CASTRO VALLEY
1491 MOOSE LODGE
Members and Qualified Guests Only

Hayward/Castro Valley
Moose Lodge
#1491

Friendsgiving Potluck

Thursday November 19, 2026

Bring a dish to Share.

Lodge with provide
Turkey & Mashed Potatoes

6:30 to 8:30pm

Members & Qualified Guests Only





1-REBUY
$50

$30
ADD ON
AT BREAK

FOOD
WILL BE SERVED
AT BREAK

NOVEMBER 21, 2026
AT 10:30 SHARP

HAYWARD CASTRO VALLEY MOOSE LODGE

20835 Rutledge Rd. Castro Valley, CA. 94546

Mooselegion1491@gmail.com | Text 510-377-6206

CASTRO VALLEY MOOSE LODGE

20835 RUTLEDGE RD • CASTRO VALLEY, CA

Card Show

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 28TH

9AM - 3PM

CARDS TICKET STUBS

BATS BOBBLEHEADS

PENNANTS GAME USED

POSTERS PINS

$5 ENTRY KIDS 13 AND UNDER FREE

DEALER TABLES SOLD OUT





MORE INFO EMAIL

MIKESMITTY197914@GMAIL.COM

MEMBERS & QUALIFIED GUESTS ONLY


Hayward/Castro Valley
Women of the Moose
#934
Meeting, Holiday Party, Gift Exchange & Potluck
December 9, 2026
Meeting 6:00pm
Potluck & Gift Exchange to follow
Please bring a wrapped gift to participate in the gift exchange.
Gift Must be new
$25.00 minimum
Members & Qualified Guests Only

NOVEMBER *2026*

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	**2** Buen Tempo Poker 7:00	**3** Cornhole	**4** Lodge Mtg 7:00	**5** Trivia 7-9	**6** Karaoke 7:30 Poker 7:00	**7** **CASINO NIGHT 7-10**
8	**9** VFW Mtg Poker 7:00	**10** Cornhole Moose Legion Mtg 7:00	**11** WOTM Mtg 6:00	**12** Trivia 7-9 5 Spot Dance Grp 1-4	**13** Karaoke 7:30 Poker 7:00	**14** **BLOOD DRIVE**
15 **VETERANS BBQ 12-2**	**16** Buen Tempo Poker 7:00	**17** Cornhole	**18** Lodge Mtg 7:00	**19** **Friends-Giving 6:30** Trivia 7-9	**20** Karaoke 7:30 Poker 7:00	**21** **POKER TOURAMENT 10-4**
22 **WOTM College Of Regents Mtg 11-1**	**23** American Legion Mtg Poker 7:00	**24** Cornhole Poker 7:00	**25**	**26** Trivia 7-9	**27** Karaoke 7:30 Poker 7:00	**28** CARD SHOW 9-3
29	**30** American Legion Mtg Poker 7:00					

DECEMBER 2026

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			1 Lodge Mtg 7:00	**2** Trivia 7-9	**3** Karaoke 7:30	**4** **5**
6 **CHRISTMAS BOUTIQUE 11-4**	**7** Lifeline Poker 7:00	**8** Cornhole Moose Legion Mtg 7:00	**9** WOTM Mtg 6:00	**10** Trivia 7-9 5 Spot Dance Grp	**11** Karaoke 7:30	**12**
13 DISTRICT MTG	**14** VFW Mtg Poker 7:00	**15** Cornhole	**16** Lodge Mtg 7:00	**17** **TOM & JERRY Potluck 6:30-8:30** Trivia 7-9	**18** Karaoke 7:30	**19** **KIDS HOLIDAY PARTY**
20	**21** Buen Tempo Poker 7:00	**22** Cornhole Poker 7:00	**23**	**24** Trivia 7-9	**25** CLOSED FOR CHRISTMAS	**26**
27	**28** American Legion Mtg Poker 7:00	**29** Cornhole	**30** New Member Orientation	**31**		

10th Annual East Bay Rockin' Christmas

Benefit Concert

Saturday, December 5th- 7 PM

Castro Valley Moose Lodge -
20835 Rutledge Rd, Castro Valley



Music by:
Blind to Reason
Kenetic
Brian Skinner

Proceeds to

Culinary Angels

Providing meals and education to those going through a cancer challenge and their caregivers

Concert only
or
Paella Dinner tickets

Silent Auction!

Tickets:
www.blindtoreason.com/store

All donations tax deductible
Tax ID: 33-3401531


Women of the Moose
PRESENTS
HOLIDAY MARKET
Sunday December 6th
11am to 4pm
CASTRO VALLEY MOOSE LODGE
FREE ADMISSION
MEMBERS & QUALIFIED GUESTS ONLY
LOCAL ARTISANS
CRAFTERS
SMALL BUSINESSES
UNIQUE GIFTS
AND MORE!
SHOP LOCAL SUPPORT SMALL BUSINESSES THIS HOLIDAY SEASON!
CONTACT
jojomoose1491@gmail.com

Hayward/Castro Valley

Moose Lodge #1491

Tom & Jerry Party & Potluck

Thursday

December 17, 2026

6:30 - 8:30pm

BRING AN ITEM TO SHARE

LODGE TO PROVIDE

Ham & Mashed Potatoes



PARTICIPANTS WILL RECEIVE

FREE

Eggnog, Tom & Jerry's & Hot Chocolate



Members & Qualified Guests Only

Hayward/Castro Valley
Moose Lodge #1491

Kids Christmas Party with Santa!

Saturday,
December 19, 2026
9:00 AM – 11:00 AM
Santa Arrives at 10:00 AM!



Breakfast Treats | Hot Chocolate Bar | Face Painting | Arts & Crafts | Gifts from Santa!

For Children Up to 12 Years Old

Sign Up by December 7th!

Email:
castrovalleymoose1491@gmail.com

Please include:
- Child's Name
- Gender
- Age
- Child's Interest(s)

Members & Qualified Guests Only


Hayward/Castro Valley
WOTM #934
College of
Regents
Meeting
& Brunch & Fun
Please join us to honor
Bonnie Russell
as she receives her
Red Tassel.
SISTERHOOD
LEADERSHIP
SERVICE
FRIENDSHIP
November 22, 2026
11:00 am - 1:00 pm
Members & Qualified Guests Only

HAYWARD/
CASTRO VALLEY

MOOSE LODGE

BOARD GAME *Party!*

EVERY SUNDAY

1:00 PM – CLOSE

SNACKS

MUSIC

FREE POOL

MONOPOLY
CONNECT 4
CLUE
CHECKERS
& MORE!

Bring a food item to share!

Good Friends. Great Games. Stronger Together.

MEMBERS AND QUALIFIED GUESTS ONLY

ALACOSTA MOOSE LEGION

100TH ANNIVERSARY

SATURDAY, JANUARY 16, 2027



ENTERTAINMENT BY

GENERATIONS

AT 7:30 PM

NO HOST COCKTAIL
5:00 - 6:00 PM

DINNER
6:00 PM

PROGRAM TO FOLLOW

SPECIAL GIFT FOR ALL ATTENDEES

FOOD BY THE
Buon Tempo Club
$25 PER PERSON

MEMBERS & QUALIFIED GUESTS ONLY

Hosted by
HAYWARD/CASTRO VALLEY MOOSE LODGE #1491

Official Visitor
SHAWN BAILE
DIRECTOR OF MOOSE LEGION & HIGHER DEGREES

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Hello, my fellow Mooses and Moosettes!
We're solidly in Fall, which means Winter is right around the corner. This is the time when the Moose really comes together as a family and celebrates our friendship together. We're a rather large family, 1500 members strong in our Lodge and nearly a million members in the Fraternity overall.

If you're a regular in the Lodge, you already know all the incredible things we've done inside the lodge home, outside the lodge on our property and throughout the entire community. Our presence is felt and appreciated, the hard work and dedication of the membership makes it possible. The pride of our members shows in countless ways.

If you're not a regular in the Lodge, come on in! Stop by to see all the things that are happening. Take part in our activities, socialize with friends and neighbors, catch up on all the news, grab a bite to eat, watch the game, shoot some pool, or just chill! The Lodge is better when you're there.

Take a peek at the calendar of events here in this newsletter. Find something you like, and be a part! If you want to help, we'd love to have you. If you have an idea for an event or activity, let's hear it! This is YOUR Lodge, and your opinion matters.
Most of all, Thank you for your continued support. Together, we make our Lodge a better home, and that makes our contributions to Mooseheart, Moosehaven, Camp Ross and our local charitable commitments that much greater.

The Moose does great things. We do this because of you.
Fraternally,
Damon Russell
Membership Committee Chairman

MOOSE LEGION COMMITTEE REPORT

Your Moose Legion Committee is proud to announce that our Lodge will Host the 100th Anniversary of Alacosta Moose Legion #70 in January 2027! Look for the flyer elsewhere in this newsletter for details.
In case you were unaware, Each Moose Lodge belongs to a particular Moose Legion jurisdiction. This is decided by Moose International, not the Lodge. Our Lodge belongs to Alacosta Moose Legion #70. In fact, HCV 1491 Moose Lodge has the most Moose Legionnaires in Alacosta out of all the other Lodges in the jurisdiction. That's the main reason why our Lodge is going to host the celebration.
We want a good turnout! We have over 100 Moose Legionnaires in Hayward/Castro Valley Moose Lodge, and we'd LOVE it if they can all make the event with their families. 100 years is a BIG DEAL!
Until then, keep an eye on the calendar for Moose Legion related events throughout the year. Come play with us at the Lodge!
In other news, our own Eric Rubio has taken over the role as Moose Legion Committee chairman, so congratulate him when you see him at the Lodge. He's AWESOME and very much welcomed in this position.
Damon Russell
Lodge Moose Legion Committee vice chairman

MOOSE LEGION PRESENTS:

TRIVIA NIGHT

AT THE MOOSE

FREE ENTRY

7PM START

EVERY THURSDAY

AT THE CASTRO VALLEY MOOSE LODGE

RULES AND INFO:

NO ENTRY FEE - UP TO 5 PLAYERS PER TEAM
MEMBERS & QUALIFIED GUESTS ONLY

FOOD, DRINKS, AND FUN!

ORDER A FULL MENU OF APPETIZERS, ENTREES, AND SNACKS FROM BAY CATERING - WATCH SPORTS ON THE BIG SCREEN TVS - FULL BAR / COCKTAILS

HOSTED BY DJ DAVID SAVIOR

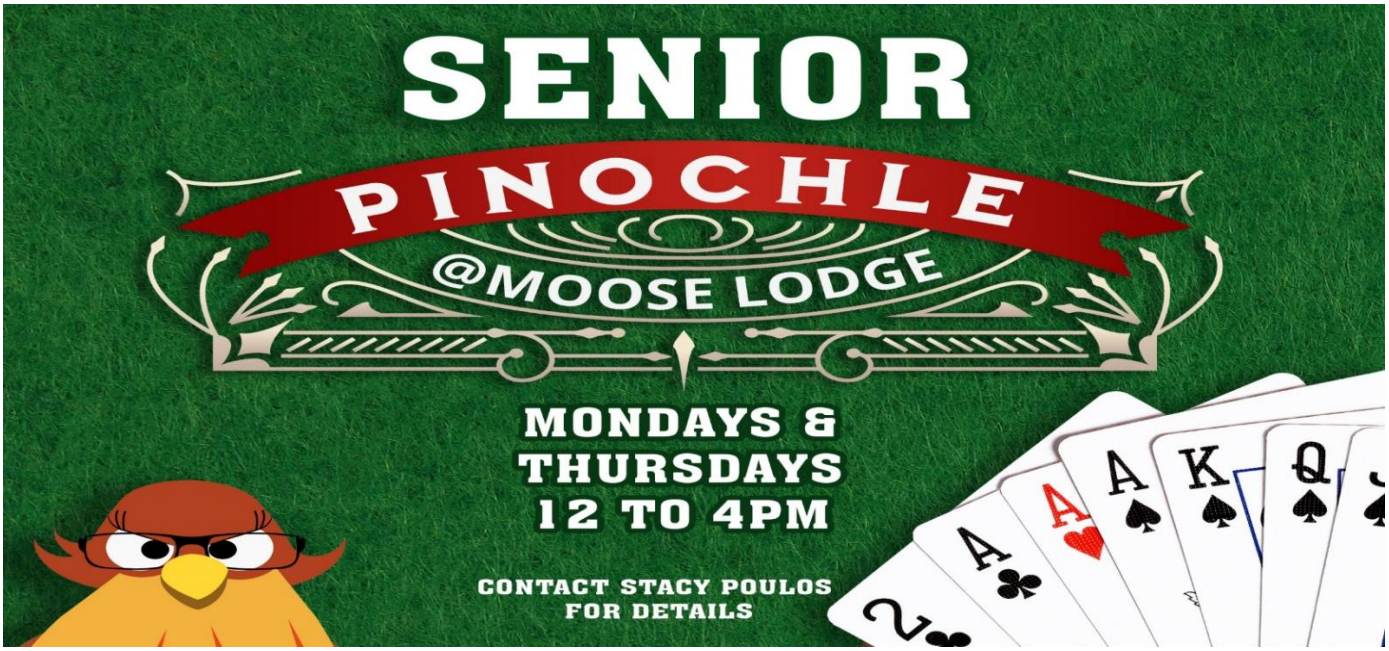
AFTER-PARTY WITH DJ / MUSIC / DANCING

NOTHIN NEW

SCAN AND FOLLOW FOR MORE INFO AND UPDATES:

A MOOSE LEGION & NOTHIN' NEW EVENTS PRODUCTION
AT THE CASTRO VALLEY MOOSE LODGE
20835 RUTLEDGE DR, CASTRO VALLEY, CA 94546

THE LODGE HAS SEVERAL GAMES!



WHO WANTS TO PLAY CARDS?

CHECK OUT THE GAMES DAYS AND TIMES!

- Mondays Texas Hold 'Em 7:00pm
- Fridays Texas Hold 'Em 7:00pm



LODGE HOURS

*MONDAY-THURSDAY
4:00pm TO 11:00pm

*FRIDAY
2:00pm-12:00am

*SATURDAY
12:00pm TO 10:00pm

*SUNDAY
10:00am TO 8:00pm

HAPPY HOUR

Did you know that the lodge has this?
Monday-Friday
4:00-6:00
.75 off any drink

Please be prepared and PROUD to show your MOOSE CARD.

REMEMBER OUR BARTENDERS ARE ALL VOLUNTEERS

