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RIVER FALLS MOOSE LODGE #594
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THE MOOSE FRATERNITY

*An International Organization of Men and Women
Dedicated to Caring for Young and Old, Bringing
Communities Closer Together and Celebrating Life.*

From The Lodge President...

It's Election Time! Both the Lodge and Chapter are taking nominations to fill positions for the new year. Consider taking an active role in the lodge planning functions and the lodge involvement in the community. Talk to an officer to see where you can help.



Pres., Robert [Bob] Pruss

Today is Your Birthday!

Members are the Heart of this lodge and the Moose organization. WE INVITE each of you to attend this "All Member Birthday Celebration", Tuesday, March 10th from 4-6:30PM. Come in during that time to socialize and enjoy a piece of cake with ice cream. See what's new at Mooseheart and Moosehaven and what your dollar donations to Moose Charities have added to the lives of the kids and seniors.

Building and Maintenance Projects:

The Storage area project in the dining hall is in the completion phase. This area allows us to store tables and other items out of sight when not in use. Thank you to Bob P., Jon H., Dan R., and Randy R. for ALL your volunteer time on this project.

Parking Lot:

Now that the snow is melting, it shows own worn parking lot. This is our next capital project we need funds to replace the parking lot after this winter and the years of wear and tear. Thank you to Brian who has kept the parking clear and safe all winter.

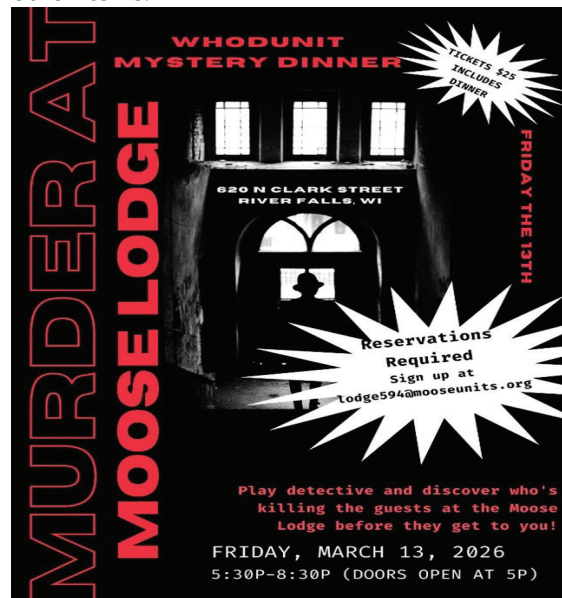
Who's a Cookie Monster!

Debuting at the lodge in March, "Moose Magic" cookies! Created and packed by Mei Mei's Cookie and Creamery exclusively for the River Falls Moose Lodge. Available for purchase only at the lodge and not available anywhere else. A minimum donation of \$5 per cookie and funds will be used to go to the parking lot.



MURDER MYSTERY DINNER

Join us on March 13 for a murder mystery dinner. This is a fundraiser for the parking lot improvement fund and this event is open to Moose members and the public! Purchase your tickets now to reserve your seat as space is limited. members at \$25/ticket, which includes your meal. There will be a money raffle and other items.



A LOT of Blooms!

This month purchase your "Buds Blooms" at the lodge or at Blooms for Happiness shop for that special someone and support the lodge at the same time!

Moose Lodge Fundraiser March 1 - March 15, 2026

Purchase "Buds Blooms" during
Moose National Days and \$5
from each purchase will be
donated to the
Moose Lodge Community Givings



Buds Blooms are simple little pint sized jars filled with random
flowers, no ribbons, no cards, just jars filled with flowers.



The Moose is about celebrating life
together, serving those in need
within our local community,
supporting our children at
Mooseheart and standing by our
senior members at Moosehaven.



Moose Charities

BLOOMS 4 HAPPINESS FLORAL SHOP

1674 Commerce Circle-River Falls
(between O'Reilly's & Great Clips)

Business Hours:
Mon & Tues 9am-4pm
Wed 9am-5pm
Sat 8am-1pm

River Falls Moose Lodge #594 - 620 N Clark Street-River Falls, WI

RIVER FALLS MOOSE LODGE #594 MISSION STATEMENT

A place for social gathering of friends that volunteer to sustain Mooseheart, Moosehaven, our Community and our Lodge. To provide a clean, safe, and family-friendly environment. We support fun and rewarding local activities through monetary and non-monetary means.

RIVER FALLS MOOSE LODGE ~SERVING THE COMMUNITY OVER 80 YEARS

LODGE OFFICERS: (2025-2026)

President – Bob Pruss (651) 329-8015
 Vice President – Duane Vorwald (715) 821-1292
 Administrator – Kenneye Vorwald (651) 260-7390
 Treasurer – Jake Vorwald
 Trustee – Tom Helget, Dawn Hill, Jon Hill
 Chaplin - Donald Buchholz, (715) 222-7508
 Jr. Past President – Elizabeth Spittle

CHAPTER OFFICERS:

Senior Regent – Ann Richter (715) 554-1141
 Secretary – Sue Coleman (715) 425-6117
 Treasurer – Dawn Hill (715) 505-0518
 Jr. Past Regent – Callie Pruss (612) 481-2073
 Sunshine for Chapter - Sue Coleman

LODGE MEETINGS & HOURS OF OPERATION:

ALL Members are welcome and encouraged to attend...

Lodge Meetings:

1st & 3rd Tuesdays
 Lodge Executive Board-6:30PM
 Lodge ALL Member-7PM

Moose Legion Meeting:

3rd Tuesdays-5:30PM

Chapter Meetings:

1st Tuesday-Board Meeting-5:30PM
 3rd Tuesday-ALL Chapter 5:30PM

** Meal to share each night*

Hours of Operation:

2nd Sunday-Brunch - 9am - 12pm
 2nd Wednesday-Moose Legion Meal - 5pm-7pm
 3rd Wednesday-WOTM Meal - 5pm-7pm
 2nd & 4th Fridays-Fish/Shrimp - 5pm-7pm
 *NOTE-Days may vary due to holidays or Staff

LODGE WISH LIST: Kleenex, Paper Towels, Coffee, hand soaps, Clorox toilet and bathroom cleaning supplies.

REMINDER...

Any changes to your contact information? Please call the Lodge at 715-425-9152, or email lodge594@mooseunits.org. Lodge Sickness and Distress If you know of a member who is sick, injured, in need of cheering up or who has passed, please contact Chaplin Donald Buchholz 715-222-7508.

WOTM changes please contact Susan Coleman phone at (715) 425-6117 or by email at chapter1159@mooseunits.org

MOOSE LEGION NEWS:



Break up the winter blues and slide into Spring! Join us for an evening each month for a chance to WIN at MEMBERS ONLY Bingo! Hosted by the Moose Legion, Sunday, March 22nd and April 26th at 1:30P doors open and game start at 2pm. Snacks will be available to purchase.

The 2026 NASCAR Cup Series season has begun in North Carolina, but snow in the area had caused the race to postpone twice at Bowman Gray Stadium in February on FOX. Ross Chastain will drive in this race and in the red and black Moose Fraternity No. 1 Chevrolet and during four races this upcoming season. He will have the Moose logos on his car and fire suit during the rest of the season as well. The four Moose races are: Sunday, March 22 in the Goodyear 400 at Darlington Raceway (SC); Sunday, July 12 in the Quaker State 400 Available at Walmart at Echopark Speedway (GA); Saturday, September 19 in the Bass Pro Shops Night Race at Bristol Motor Speedway (TN); and Sunday, November 1 in the Xfinity 500 at Martinsville Speedway (VA).



Moose Legion Meals:

March 11 – Burger or Fish sandwich and homemade PIE!

April 8 – Meatloaf dinner

NOTE: Winter and cold weather are upon us. Be sure to check the River Falls Moose Lodge Facebook page for any posting for cancellation due to wintry weather.

Welcome to the our Newest Member!

Connie Hallmark – Sponsor, Clint Hallmark

NEW MEMBER INCENTIVE ...through April 30, 2026

If a current member sponsors in a new or expired member into the lodge you will receive a \$5 Moose Bucks, which can only be used to purchase food or beverage at the River Falls Moose Lodge. Help our lodge grow!



This year's membership campaign is for May 1, 2025- April 30, 2026. Our Fraternity has made a commitment to being ever present in our communities. By continuing our positive momentum, we make our meaningful contributions a reality. To move forward, we must make a positive impact on our society, by giving back. **See posting at the Lodge for more details.**



WOMEN OF THE MOOSE CHAPTER NEWS

Election Day for the Chapter officers are Tuesday, March 17th at 5:30P. Members are encouraged to come in and vote for those on the ballot. Consider volunteering to hold a Committee Chair which is normally 3 times a year. This election is for your Board of Officers for the year May 1, 2026 through April 31, 2027.

March 18th 5-7P dinner. No blarney, the WOTM Chapter Is serving Corned Beef sandwich complete with sides and hosted by the Membership committee.

APRIL 15TH 5-7P dinner. Got your taxes done so now you can unwind at the WOTM Chapter Tax themed \$10 dinner hosted by the Fraternal Activities committee. Millionaire Chicken Casserole • Poor man's casserole • Dollar rolls • Millionaire salad • Millionaire desserts.

Food, Fellowship, and Fun!

PASTA SALAD BOWL Competition

April 19th, 2026
11:00 AM - 2:00 PM

\$5 to taste & \$'s to vote for your favorite salads!

Bring your best pasta salad and compete for bragging rights!
Or just come hungry and ready to taste them all!

Meet Your New Women of the Moose Officers

Join us during their Installation Ceremony
and help us celebrate our new leadership.

Free Purse Bingo to Follow!

Stay for a little extra fun
and a chance to win!

BINGO

MEMBERS As our fraternity has its sights set on a fifth (5th) consecutive year of membership growth, the Moose International Board of Directors felt it was good timing for a new short-term Sponsor Incentive. Beginning November 1, 2025, each time you sponsor your fifth (5th) new or re-enrolled member into The Moose, you will receive a one-time use code that can be used for one of the following:

- **One year of your own Lodge dues**
- **Gifted to another member for one year of his/her Lodge dues.**

When using the Online Lodge Membership Application to sponsor a new or re-enrolled member into The Moose, it can be used to pay the applicant's dues and the \$20 application fee.

There is no limit on the number of one-time use codes that a Sponsor can earn. This exclusive Sponsor Incentive ends on April 30, 2026, so don't delay on making the personal invitation to join our fraternity. This program also applies to the Moose Legion and Women of the Moose.

When earning a one-time use code, you will receive an email from Moose International with your exclusive 10-digit code. You will need to have a My Membership Record account to redeem the code. Follow the instructions in the email to redeem for one of the three options listed above. If you misplace or delete the email with the code, please contact the Helpdesk at (630) 906-3658 for a replacement code and redeemed by June 30, 2026.

EVERY MONTH PLAY AND WIN, Queen of Hearts!

For current Members Only! Attend a Lodge, Chapter, and Moose Legion meeting for a free ticket. Or, purchase your tickets at the lodge anytime we are open or have a meal. Winners are drawn at the last Wednesday meal of the month, and you must be present to Win!

QUEEN OF HEARTS!

TICKETS \$1 EACH • 6 FOR \$5

WILL DRAW UNTIL PRIZES ARE FOUND!

QUEEN = 1/3 OF POT!

OTHER PRIZES:

MYSTERY PRIZE **MYSTERY PRIZE**

1/3 TO WINNER • 1/3 TO MAINTENANCE FUND

DRAWING LAST WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH - 6:30 PM

TICKETS DRAWN UNTIL ALL PRIZES ARE FOUND!

MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN!



River Falls Chapter #1159
2025-2026

Women of the Moose Board

Callie Pruss - Jr. Past Regent

Ann Richter - Senior Regent

Dawn Hill - Treasurer

Sue Coleman - Secretary

Membership additional \$15 a year - 4 cents a day!

Must be a current Moose Lodge member to join!

Questions? Email us at chapter1159@mooseunits.org



Women of the Moose are solely responsible for:

Mooseheart Children
Education of Students

Music Department

Athletics

Occupational, Physical

and Speech Therapy

College Scholarships

Moosehaven Seniors
Pharmacy Assistance

Vision

Dental

Hearing

Beauty Shop

Safety and Security

MARCH 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Girl Scouts 3-6pm	2 10:30am 🧘 ZUMBA 6:45pm 30/30 🧘+🧘	3 MEETINGS 5:30pm Chpt/Meal 6:30P Lodge Bd 7pm Lodge ALL	4 10:30am 🧘 ZUMBA toning NO MEAL WMA MID YEAR CONVENTION - BROOKFIELD, WI	5	6	7 Refined Divine Holistic Expo  March 7th River Falls WI 10-4pm
SPONSOR: ST CROIX COLLECTORS BRUNCH 9am-12pm  FF 4H 1-3pm TC 4H 5-7pm	8 NO ZUMBA	9 ALL MEMBER BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION 4:30-6:30PM	10 NO ZUMBA MOOSE LEGION MEAL FISH OR BURGER 5pm-7pm; Grp 7 6:30pm New Mbr Orient.	11	12  MURDER MYSTERY DINNER OPEN TO PUBLIC	13 RF POTATO SOUP CRAWL
15 Girl Scouts 3-6pm	16 🧘 10:30am & 6:45pm	17 MEETINGS 5:30pm Moose Legion & Chapter/Meal 6:30pm Lodge Bd 7pm Lodge ALL	18 10:30am 🧘 ZUMBA toning FAMILY NIGHT MEAL--WOTM CORNEB BEEF 5-7pm, GRP: MEMB.	19	20	21  10:30am~12pm DIST. MTG EAU CLAIRE LODGE 9:30AM-12PM
 22 ALL MEMBER BINGO 2PM ROSS CHASSTAIN RACE 2PM	23 10:30am 🧘 ZUMBA 6:45pm 30/30 🧘+🧘	24	25 10:30am 🧘 ZUMBA toning FAMILY NIGHT MEAL BURGERS OR FISH 5pm-7pm; Grp 1 	26	27 FISH & SHRIMP 5pm-7pm; Grp 2 	28  10:30am~12pm
29	30 🧘 10:30am & 6:45pm	31				

APRIL 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			10:30am 🧘 ZUMBA toning FAMILY NIGHT MEAL BURGERS/FISH 5pm-7pm; Grp 3 	2	3	4
5	6 10:30am 🧘 ZUMBA 6:45pm 30/30 🧘+🧘	7 MEETINGS 5:30pm Chpt/Meal 6:30P Lodge Bd 7pm Lodge ALL	8 10:30am 🧘 ZUMBA toning MOOSE LEGION MEAL MEATLOAF 5pm-7pm; Grp 4 6:30pm New Mbr Orient.	9	10 FISH & SHRIMP 5pm-7pm; Grp 8 	11  10:30am~12pm
12 BRUNCH 9am-12pm  w/cake for Moose 138th Anniversary FF 4H 1-3pm	13 🧘 10:30am & 6:45pm	14	15 10:30am 🧘 ZUMBA toning FAMILY NIGHT MEAL--WOTM TAX THEME MEAL 5-7pm, Grp FA	16	17	18 DIST. MTG LA CROSSE LODGE 9:30AM-5PM
19 CHAPTER OFFICER INSTALLATION & PASTA BOWL 11AM-2PM Girl Scouts 3-6pm	20 10:30am 🧘 ZUMBA 6:45pm 30/30 🧘+🧘	21 MEETINGS 5:30pm Moose Legion & Chapter/Meal 6:30pm Lodge Bd 7pm Lodge ALL POTLUCK & Install of officers	22 10:30am 🧘 ZUMBA toning FAMILY NIGHT MEAL BURGERS 5pm-7pm; Grp 5 	23	24 FISH & SHRIMP 5pm-7pm; Grp 2 	25  10:30am~12pm
 26 ALL MEMBER BINGO 2PM	27	28	29 10:30am 🧘 ZUMBA toning FAMILY NIGHT MEAL BURGERS 5pm-7pm; Grp 6 	30		

...WORK GROUPS WILL BE UPDATED IN THE MAY/JUNE ISSUE...

LODGE GROUP 1 • 5-7pm

<i>Susan Coleman</i>	<i>Betty Rustad</i>
<i>Allan & Laurie Hansen</i>	<i>Christian Selleck</i>
<i>Thomas Helget</i>	<i>Tim Slabik</i>
<i>Robert Muller</i>	<i>Elizabeth & Wallace Spittle</i>

LODGE GROUP 2 • 5-7pm

<i>Larry Bauermeister</i>	<i>Ronld Linder</i>
<i>James Hahn</i>	<i>Lyndon Lockrem</i>
<i>Gerald Knott</i>	<i>Gary Vorwald</i>
<i>Elizabeth & Robin Kreibich</i>	<i>James & Marion Vorwald</i>
<i>Larry Larson</i>	

LODGE GROUP 3 • 5-7pm

<i>Dale & Lana Bjerstedt</i>	<i>Dwayne Johnson</i>
<i>Shirley Demotts</i>	<i>Harlyn Puhmann</i>
<i>Ila Gillis</i>	

LODGE GROUP 4 • 5-7pm

<i>Michael Danielson</i>	<i>Jay Killian</i>
<i>Audrey Denninger</i>	<i>Gerald Knott</i>
<i>Sarah Franco</i>	<i>Jeff Lentz</i>
<i>Lloyd Johnson</i>	<i>Jeanne Williams</i>

LODGE GROUP 5 • 5-7pm

<i>Jeremy Croes</i>	<i>Scott Lindall</i>
<i>Jerry & Kathleen Croes</i>	<i>Charles Meyer</i>
<i>Bernard Hansen</i>	<i>John & Helen Traynor</i>
<i>Allan Kelly</i>	

LODGE GROUP 6 • 5-7pm

<i>Michael Cernohous</i>	<i>Ann & Randy Richter</i>
<i>Jon & Dawn Hill</i>	<i>Arthur & Diana Smith</i>
<i>Jerry Mathisrud</i>	<i>Thomas Weishaar</i>
<i>Jeff Passofaro</i>	

LODGE GROUP 7 • 5-7pm

<i>Greg Elliott</i>	<i>Kent Sorenson</i>
<i>Mike Lubich</i>	<i>Joyce Thompson</i>
<i>Dan Moe</i>	<i>Brian Weber</i>
<i>Randal Shoaf</i>	

LODGE GRP 8 • 5-7pm

<i>Joshua Amundson</i>	<i>Casey Vorwald</i>
<i>Donald & Janice Buchholz</i>	<i>Duane & Kenneye Vorwald</i>
<i>Michelle Calcagno</i>	<i>Jacob & Courtney Vorwald</i>
<i>Monica Elliott</i>	<i>Richard Wall</i>
<i>Robert & Callie Pruss</i>	<i>Kristi Ziegler</i>
<i>Dan & Rose Rude</i>	

WOMEN OF THE MOOSE GROUPS

FRATERNAL ACTIVITIES

<i>Liz Spittle, Chairman</i>	<i>Phyllis Pechacek</i>
<i>Janice Buchholz</i>	<i>Marlys Peterson</i>
<i>Kathleen Croes</i>	<i>Diana Smith</i>
<i>Sarah Franco</i>	<i>Eunice Vorwald</i>
<i>Judy Nielson</i>	<i>Joanne Weeks</i>
<i>Donna Pechacek</i>	

HIGHER DEGREE

<i>Kenneye Vorwald,</i>	<i>Maxine Huber</i>
<i>Chairman</i>	<i>Yvonne Huppert</i>
<i>Susan Coleman</i>	<i>Callie Pruss</i>
<i>Shirley DeMotts</i>	<i>Betty Rustad</i>
<i>Audrey Denninger</i>	<i>Elizabeth Spittle</i>
<i>Dawn Hill</i>	<i>Marion Vorwald</i>
<i>Penny Himes</i>	

MOOSEHEART/MOOSEHAVEN (MH/MH)

<i>Betty Rustad, Chairman</i>	<i>Whitney Nielsen</i>
<i>Sharon Allemang</i>	<i>Ann Richter</i>
<i>Michelle Calcagno</i>	<i>Rose Rude</i>
<i>Monica Elliott</i>	<i>Ashley Sager</i>
<i>Sylvia Hofland</i>	<i>Linda Sandstrom</i>
<i>Linda Johnson</i>	<i>Judy Stan</i>
<i>Elizabeth Kreibich</i>	<i>Kathy Vorwald</i>
<i>Patricia Laughnan</i>	<i>Connie Zasada</i>

MEMBERSHIP

<i>Audrey Denninger,</i>	<i>Beverly Richards</i>
<i>Chairman</i>	<i>Alice Spear</i>
<i>Lana Bjerstedt</i>	<i>Brenda Strachan</i>
<i>Susan Coleman</i>	<i>Joyce Thompson</i>
<i>Laura Eastman</i>	<i>Helen Traynor</i>
<i>Ila Gillis</i>	<i>Jeanne Williams</i>
<i>Laurie Hansen</i>	<i>Khin Aung Aung Win</i>
<i>Rose Leary</i>	

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FAMILY CENTER # 594
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RIVER FALLS WI 54022

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MEMBER MAILING ADDRESS

Celebrate National Days with
River Falls Moose Lodge

March 1st - March 15th, 2026

Pre-order "Buds Blooms" at the lodge

or at Blooms for Happiness

Monday & Tuesday 9a-4p

Wednesday 9a-5p

Saturday 8a-1p

1674 Commerce Circle, River Falls, WI
(next to Great Clips)



\$5 will go to the Moose Lodge
for Heart of Community Givings

Be a part of the Leprechaun Scavenger Hunt in River Falls!

More ways to celebrate at the Moose Lodge!



ALL Member Birthday celebration!
March 10, 2026 / 4-6:30P
See what's new at Mooseheart &
Moosehaven!

Community Brunch
Fundraiser for
St. Croix Collectors



PIE Day! March 11, 2026 / 5-7P
Burgers or Fish sandwich
& a slice of pie



March 8, 2026
9a-12 Noon



"Open to the Public"
MURDER Mystery! March 13, 2026
Spaghetti Dinner 5:30P-8:30P
Includes sides & dessert
Tickets \$25 - Limited seating



River Falls Moose Lodge 594 located at 620 N. Clark Street, River Falls, WI
Check out our Facebook page River Falls Moose Lodge #594

OUR HEART OF COMMUNITY
COLLECTION

March HOC - Moose Charities, kids and seniors.
Support purchase Buds Blooms fundraiser. See flyer on
front page.

April HOC - Sleep in Heavenly Peace - Collection of twin
sheets, blankets and pillows. Cash is always welcome.

FALL GARAGE SALE?

WOTM Chapter Board of Officers is asking members to step
up and help with a garage sale to take place in the month of
August 2026. This has always been a good fundraiser. We need a
volunteer to chair this and other individuals to volunteer to help.
If interested, please contact one of the Chapter Board of Officers.



All proceeds donated to
Moose Charities

Crafting Retreat

Join us May 1-3, 2026
\$25 per day or \$50 for the weekend

MOOSE LODGE

620 N. CLARK ST
RIVER FALLS, WI

All Crafts welcome

BRING YOUR CRAFTING SUPPLIES
AND FOOD TO SHARE



Sunday: 3/22nd & 4/26th

Cost \$1/card

DOORS OPEN AT: 1:30PM
GAME STARTS AT: 2:00PM