



# The Chatter

By Mike Till

## Thank You & God Bless!

Thank you all for a Great 2024 Camping Season! We can't begin to tell you how blessed we are to be able to host such a great group of people like our Poor Farmer's Campers. For over 50 years, family and friends have been coming together to celebrate the best holiday ever... Camping Season.

We look forward to the first warm day of Spring, like an eager 5-year-old on Christmas morning, waiting for Mom and Dad to wake up. Mother Nature, like the Grinch, has taken the gift of warm weather from under the camping tree. Some of you will retreat South and avoid the cold, others will winterize and store their RV until Camping Santa brings back the sun and fun. Either way, we may not see many of you until next year. With that we say, Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas, Happy New Year, pause for two months of suck... Happy Spring!

2024 consumed us with good times and great people. We were privileged to see God's art in a celestial spectacle on April 8<sup>th</sup>. Mother Earth completely shaded out the Sun creating a 360-degree sunset and a few kinked necks. Thanks to all my Marine brothers who joined us for that event. Your presence, for me, eclipsed the eclipse.

Also in April, Amy Miles hosted the annual 5K Run/Walk for Autism Awareness. Thanks to Amy, her helpers, and all the businesses who sponsored the event.

In May, our Opening Season Weekend was out-of-this-world! Saturday May 4<sup>th</sup> was of course, Star Wars Day, so we hosted a lightsaber battle in the shelter, and celebrated the evening just like the rebels did on the moon of Endor when the second Death Star was destroyed... with fireworks. We finished May with our Memorial Day weekend. We enjoyed a golf cart obstacle course, cornhole, a gun raffle and our favorite band, Overdrive.

Our Spring Tractor Show was amazing. It was the first time we put the show on the internet for reservations. That weekend booked up faster than a cheetah chasin' a gazelle. Just a reminder, we will have 2025 reservations available by Dec 1<sup>st</sup>.

Once the dust settled from the tractor pull, we pressed on to Grandparents Weekend. The kids and grandparents spent the day making crafts, playing in the water, eating ice cream and much more.

Most of July was a blur for Andrea and me. Our youngest son, Mikey, was finishing up his last year of summer baseball and July was packed with travel games. Thanks to a couple special ladies for all they did to make the weekend great. While we were away at ballgames, Amy Miles and Angela Albright, with the help of friends, hosted the events in our absence. BINGO, karaoke and our world-famous Redneck Games. We finished July with Christmas dinner, Grandma read *The Night Before Christmas*, the kids got a gift from Santa, and we had a special guest, The Grinch.

August brought the Fairs and the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Cart Rodeo. Special congrats to all the winners of the Rodeo and to all the winners of our Game Show Night, hosted by Bark Bobber.

Labor Day Weekend ignited September with a Shriner's Breakfast, The Amazing Race, a volleyball tourney, and much more. Our Fall Tractor Show was even bigger than the Spring. I would like to thank everyone who left their sites clean after the flea market, because not everyone did.

We ended our season with an amazing October, filled with costumes, candy and kids. Jimmy Weaver and his psychos put together another great Haunted Shelter which exceeded many expectations.

These memories could not have been made without all the campers that joined us for 2024. The community you guys have created is one of peace, friendliness, and sarcastic remarks. This little slice of heaven we call Poor Farmer's is only made possible by campers like you who appreciate what it is that we offer. There will never be a campground like it, just like there will never be a better group of people to fill it. We hope everyone is blessed with a bountiful Thanksgiving, a Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year. **Come on Spring!**



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Schedule your RV repair with our skilled Service Technicians. We can come to your campsite and fix many of the issues you may have. Call Justin at 937-368-2449 or email him at [justin@poorfarmerrvs.com](mailto:justin@poorfarmerrvs.com).

**Have a big job that needs done before the Spring?**

**Contact Justin to get scheduled for service through the winter months before they fill up.**



**Ends December 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

## Holiday Giveaway!

What is the perfect gift? It would have to be something useful, something relaxing, something that make your heart feel warm. I've got it! Poor Farmer's Gift Certificates! They can be used for parts, service, camping or propane. The only thing you can't buy with a Poor Farmer's gift certificate... is another Poor Farmer's gift certificate.

I know what you're thinking; gift certificates are great for the person receiving them, but what does the giver of the gift get? How about a chance to win this cooler of assorted beverages?

That's right folks, from now until Dec 20<sup>th</sup>, for every \$25 worth of Poor Farmer's gift certificates you buy in our parts store, you get a chance to WIN an instant party!

The drawing will be held on Dec 20<sup>th</sup> just in time for the holidays. Use this box of goodness (\$150.00 value) for your New Years party, or just to get you through Christmas with the in-laws. We will announce the winner in time for both. Get into the Poor Farmer's Parts Store and get a gift certificate for your favorite camping buddy. They will appreciate the thought, and the party when you win this prize.

## Poor Farmer's Winter Hours

(Effective until March 1<sup>st</sup>)

**Monday thru Friday 8am – 5pm**

**Saturday by appointment only**

**Sunday Closed**

November 27<sup>th</sup> thru 30<sup>th</sup> Closed for Thanksgiving

December 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> Closed for Christmas

December 31<sup>st</sup> & January 1<sup>st</sup> Closed for New Years





# POLAR FARMER'S

Every November I include a section in the Chatter which covers different aspects of winter camping. For those of you who will be with us through the Winter, Polar Farmer's may give you some information that might have been overlooked, not communicated, or you just failed to care. If it is the latter, just know that Winter camping is always easier when you care.

For those who have been here for a bit... you know who you are. I very much appreciate that you are taking the time to help new campers. I have already heard from a couple "nubbies" about how the veterans are very knowledgeable and helpful. So, thank you for that.

For you first timers, please ask any questions you may have regarding camping in the off season. Our staff is here to help with all your questions, whether it's camping concerns, RV service needs, or who won the game last night. November 23<sup>rd</sup> will be our last Saturday open until March 1<sup>st</sup>. With that being said, make sure to get your LP filled Monday thru Friday 8am-5pm. You can call for us to fill it and pay over the phone with a credit card if that is more convenient for you. If anyone is interested in one of our sales units and Saturday is your only option, please give Sales Manager, Isaac Combs, a call and he will set up a meeting with you. Check out our sales units at [www.poorfarmerrvs.com](http://www.poorfarmerrvs.com).

If you haven't heard the news yet, we regret to inform you that we will no longer be handling mail for monthly campers. I understand that this causes an inconvenience for many of you, but due to privacy issues, we are no longer able to provide this service. Please check surrounding post offices, or one of the nearby postal stores for available PO Boxes. After January 1<sup>st</sup>, all customer mail will be returned and the boxes in the camp office will be taken down. Thank you for getting your mail forwarded ASAP.

Now I would like to go over a few things that always seem to pop-up during the winter months. Please pay attention to this message so we can try to stop craziness before craziness happens. First, please take care of the restrooms. These facilities are here for all of you to take advantage of and need to be maintained by all. Please refrain from leaving messes, and if you make a mess that is too much for you to get, please let us know. Next, Speeding! Please keep your speed at the posted 5mph limit. There are campers at our full-hook-up sites with children that you all need to be aware of. FYI... the speed limit starts and stops at the road. Also, regarding your vehicles, please keep your cars and trucks parked on the gravel as much as possible. Ruts in the grass are something I would appreciate we minimalize this winter.

We will be turning the water off to the campsites on November 19<sup>th</sup> unless we see some colder weather coming sooner. Please fill all tanks that need filled by then. Once the water is off, we will have a hose, just inside the men's restroom door that you can use, provided that it is rolled up and put back in its place when you are finished. If not, you will have to supply your own hose to reach the spicket.





# PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

All 2024 Electric bills must be paid by the end of 2024 to receive any 2025 discount.

# I REPEAT!

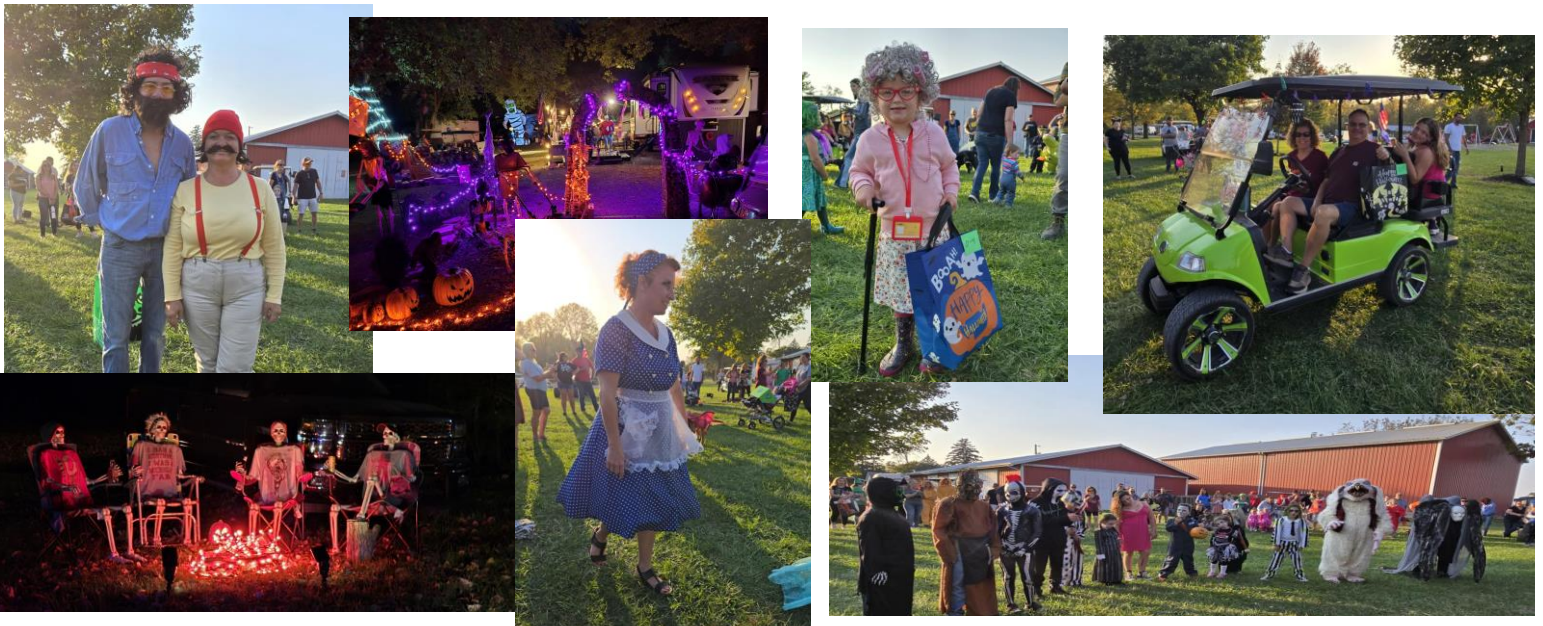
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# TRICK OR TREAT!

Poor Farmer's Campground has become a popular place for 'Trick-or-Treating'. We have our Halloween Weekend early to avoid cold weather, and that seems to bring in those who want to get the holiday started a little sooner. This year we sold out of camping spots for our trick or treat weekend. With all the folks who told us they wanted to come out, but sites were full, we have the answer. In 2025, we will host two Halloween Weekends.

That's right! We will have two costume contests, two trick or treats, and two weekends of the Haunted Shelter. I feel like I'm in a Doublemint commercial. For the perms who give out candy, please don't feel obligated to participate in both weekends. If you can and want to, great, but I assure you there will be plenty of candy to go around.

What else does this mean. Well, I guess it means we will have to give away two prizes for the best decorated perm spot. It also means that I am most definitely going to have to find a costume for next year. This year I went as the guy who takes the tickets. I hope this is good news for many of you, as I know that there are a lot of Halloween fans out there.





# 2024 Haunted Shelter

The 2024 Haunted Shelter was one of the best yet. Five years of producing the haunt and Jimmy still has a few tricks up his sleeve. I would like to thank everyone who played a part in the set-up, production, and tear-down of this year's haunt. It takes 15-20 people and approximately 140 hours of work to be able to operate for a total of 12 hours over four nights. Let's not forget what the hard costs are.

Halloween props are not cheap to make, much less buy; and when these guys buy props, it is only a starting point. Most props have been built by the team, but the ones that were purchased, they customize. The hardest part of managing the haunt, is figuring out where to put everything when we are done. There isn't enough storage. The image to the right says it all. Thanks to everyone who attended the haunt. Your support means that we can come back next year and do it all over again. If you are interested in helping with the 2025 haunt, please contact Jimmy Weaver between now and next September.





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## Camping Rate Increase for 2025

### Effective November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024

#### 2025 Perm Camping Rates

Weekend Perm (Yearly): **\$1800.00**

**\*Returning Camper Discounts:**

If paid before March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025:  
**\$1300.00**

If paid before April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025:  
**\$1500.00**

Monthly Rent: **\$500** + Electric  
Metered Electric: **\$.20/KW**

Monthly rent and electric increase will take effect Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024

#### 2025 Camping Rates

Nightly Standard Site: **\$40.00**

Nightly Full Hook-up: **\$50.00**

Weekly Standard Site: **\$270.00**

Weekly Full Hook-up: **\$340.00**

Dumping:

Off-Road: **\$10.00**

Honey Wagon: **\$15.00**

2025 Yearly Dump for Weekend Perms:  
**\$200.00**

**\*All 2024 electric must be paid by the end of the calendar year to receive any discounts for 2025.**

## Guess the Year

- Henry Ford patents a method of constructing plastic auto bodies
- "Archie" comic book debuts
- Lt E H O'Hare single-handedly shoots down 5 Japanese heavy bombers, becomes America's first World War II flying ace
- 1st cadets graduated from flying school at Tuskegee, Alabama
- Nazi decree orders all Jewish pregnant women of Kovno Ghetto executed
- Bing Crosby records "Silent Night"
- 1st bazooka rocket gun produced (Bridgeport, Connecticut)
- Anne Frank begins writing her diary, in Dutch, two days after her 13th birthday