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Year in Review..

How do I begin to describe 2021? Well, if 2020 was a dumpster fire, 2021 would then be a dumpster factory exploding, accompanied by a shortage of \$.50 plastic hose clips that are preventing all of the fire trucks from putting that fire out. We all know what happened, I am just not allowed to point out the obvious. Instead, I have to use a secret code like "Let's Go Brandon!". As I recall, those who opposed the previous administration had no qualms about speaking their mind.

As it is, supply shortages seem to be a way of life now, there is more disinformation than ever about COVID-19, and I haven't seen a business out there that isn't looking for employees. Inflation is starting to make life unaffordable for many Americans, there is a betting pool somewhere in the White House for which market is going to crash first and Poor Farmer's sales department hasn't seen a new RV in over 18 months, and to top things off... it's the end of the camping season.

Whoo... after reading those last two paragraphs, I would completely understand if you ripped this newsletter up and threw it in the trash right now. Unless your reading it on your laptop, then I would question why you didn't just close the program. However, If you are still reading this you must know me pretty well. For I am a man who spends his time putting out fires, with or without a \$.50 plastic clip. A man who is always in search of the bright side and refuses to believe that the grass is any greener on the other side. Let me spread some sunshine with some positive reinforcement:

Number one... no matter how bad it gets for any of us, we will still have our friends and family within the community who love and support us.

Number two... for all those loved ones that we have lost, every one of them is at peace and watching over us at this very moment.

Number three... despite the lack of China goods on our store shelves, Thanksgiving and Christmas will still be filled with love and joy for one another.

Number four... We have the hope that 2022 will bring an abundance of blessings, including quality camping weather.

Finally... no matter how cold it gets in Ohio, we can still drive south to play some golf.

What did I tell you... I am a master of bright sidedness, a Sultan of semi-positivity, a regular declassifier of irregularity. Ya, I'm not sure about that last one either. As you close up your campers for the year, remember, the glass is not half empty... someone just wasn't very thirsty. I hope you all have a wonderful holiday season and hope to see you all return next spring with health and happiness. God knows we all deserve it after this year.



Poor Farmer's Haunted Shelter





The Poor Farmer's Haunted Shelter was opened for the first three weekends in October this year. Jimmy Weaver and his psychos put together an amazing house and I can honestly tell you guys, that the most common complaint I heard through all three weekends was that it was... "TOO SCARY!???"

Really??? Too scary? You never hear the casino patron complain that they won too much money... or the fishing charter customer say, "We had a great time, but there were just too many fish caught on this trip." It's like going camping and complining that the weather was too nice or that none of the camper pies got burnt, although someone did say it was too quiet. SMH

When you build a haunted house, the goal is to scare the people that walk through it. If we took your money for a trip through our haunted house and you came out the other end half asleep or rolling your eyes, that would be wrong. Instead, we put together a haunted shelter that one customer called, "Hollywood quality". We just omitted the whiney Hollywood actors.

From the first clown to the executioner, our Haunted Shelter was full of weird special effects, outlandish costumes, pitch black fright rooms and a plethora of jump scares. The All-Star cast included Jason Voorhees, Freddy Krueger, Michael Myers, Pennywise, and of course Hannibal Lecter. Funny... I didn't see any fava beans on the menu.

As you entered the house you were greeted by a flurry of face paint and frilly collars. The clowns led you into the haunt, but did they lead you in the right direction? Of course not... they're clowns for crying out loud. Never trust a clown! After finding the door and exiting Rock's room of Darkness there were a few who decided to go right back out the front door, and not all of those who left early were children. Sorry, no refunds once you've entered. For those who pushed on, passed through the prospecter's mine into a blacked out maze where a couple of the all-stars were hiding. Leaving the darkness they found their way through the cemetery into the fog room where you were greeted with a silent horror by a goul with lazers for fingers and directed into the hallway of heads where our good friend Mikey Meyers was lurking.

As long as Mike didn't get you with his shiny knife, the Vortex was next on the tour. The Vortex is a spinning pathway that forces you to grab the railing for fear of leaning to your death. As you walk out of the Vortex and get your lumbar straightened back up, Pennywise goes for your feet while trapped in a clear paneled box.

Next was the ultra decorated Toxic Zombie Room. The Toxic Zombies would beat their drums with all sorts of tools like hammers, crowbars, even severed arms and legs. As you passed they direct you to the next room... a quiet, dark, empty room that quickly fills with a large man and the roar of a loud rusty chain saw. After a few laps around that room, you finally find the door into the medical quarters. There you have to navigate around a sadistic nurse that wants to give you the secret to everlasting life with her Zombie shot; and her boss, the evil surgeon, what a hottie! Don't try to help the guy off the table, you'll get shocked.

From there you pay a visit to Broken Baby's-R-Us. You can just see the anguish on this poor mama's face as you walk by. If you didn't see the anguish you definitely heard it in her scream. Hopefully, you were able to leave out of that room without paying any child support, that would have cost a bloody arm and a severd leg. Enter the witches. These three lovely ladies want nothing more than to help you with all your demons... or maybe fill you with demons. Either way, they will give you the help you don't need. She probably found the demons from the room next door, where Dracula lives... or dies, I am not sure what the proper wording is for that. He asks for your blood and then the Nun scares a completely different kind of liquid from your body.

From Dracula's lair you go outside into the corn field. Through the cornstalks you will find the Scarecrow, Jeepers Creepers and a very intimidating Pumpkinhead... and I thought that room was going to be corny. You then proceeded into the torture chamber, where the executioner is about to go to work on a young lady that was accused of using too many filters on Snapchat. Who would have thought it was that punishable? As you exit, you find yourself dealing with those silly clowns again as they show you the way out of the haunt and back to a world that is almost just as crazy and unsettling... the real world.







Jimmy and the Psychos would like to give all who came to visit an enormaous "Thank You!". We only ask that you spread the word to others. Three years ago Jimmy and the Psychos took over the haunted shelter with welcome arms from Mike. It was becoming more than what just Tony and I could handle. Since then we have went from one night to six. We have invested dollars and cents into props, plastic, lumber and food; really, you wouldn't believe how much these psychos can eat. We are now finished cleaning up the shelter and are planning our after-haunt party. All the props are back in their respected storage space and the costumes have been cleaned, sanitized and placed in totes as they eagerly await Halloween 2022. We would like to thank all who helped make this years haunt "Too Scary". Of all the complaints to



have, that one is the best.



Now that all of the snowbirds have left for the winter, all that remain are the strong, resilient, tough-as-nails *Polar Farmer's.* These Polar Farmer's have grown accustom to the rigmarole of winter camping and laugh at the snow as it falls.

Well, it's not so much of a laugh as it is a sobbing whimper... snow makes us all do that.

In every November Chatter I include a Polar Farmer's article to help the noobs and remind the veterans of some important factors that come with winter camping. I mean, I already turned your water off, I may as well invoke some new rules and regulations while I'm at it.

This is not a new rule, but an old adage to live by. Keep the showerhouse clean. Yes, we have someone who takes care of the routine cleaning of our restroom and showerhouse. However, that person is not expected to pick up your underwear that you left in the corner. Nor are they expected to wipe up the shaving cream that your little sprayed all over when they snuck the can away. Please, if you make a mess in the shower or restroom, clean it up.

Regarding insulation around your coach. Please remember that you are only permitted to use Styrofoam insulation board or plywood to "skirt" your RV. No straw allowed! If we have heavy winds and it blows your skirting off, please collect that skirting ASAP so it does not get into the creek or nature preserve. Let's keep it beautiful and clean.

We will be turning the water off during the first week of November. The water will stay on to the heated showerhouse. If you wish to move closer to the showerhouse please see Jimmy or Mike. There is a spicket that will remain on at the North side of the shelter. Please leave the space in front of that spicket open so campers who stay in the campground can fill their water tanks. There is a "community" hose on a real that is located just inside the men's restroom. Ladies, if you are not comfortable reaching in to get the hose, please ask for assistance. When you are finished with the hose, please clean it off, reel it up, unhook it from the spicket and put it back. Taking care of this hose is the only way to keep using it. We have 100lbs LP tanks that you are welcome to use. We have enough to issue one to each camper as of now. Purchase the supply hose needed to use these tanks from the parts store and pay for the 22 gallons of LP it holds before the guys will deliver it. When it empties, call us or stop in and we will pick





it up, fill it and return it. If you need them to unhook it and hook it back up, there will be a \$10 charge.

In the case of accumulated snow, we will clear the main roads and the access to the showerhouse, it is on you guys to shovel in front of your camper where needed.

All units around the shelter are permitted a maximum of (2) personal vehicles at your camper. If you have more vehicles you must park them at your regular site. Please be curtious of your neighbors as you are much closer than you are during the season.

The Shelter stage, and only the stage, will be open for all to use the wifi and fireplace. Please put out the fire when you leave. During the months of December and January, the parts store will be open from Monday thru Friday 8AM-5PM and by appointment only on Saturday. If you have any questions don't hesitate to ask. We have been doing this for a few years now and may have an easy answer to your question.

Halloween Weekend 10/02/21

Parents from all over brought their kids out to Poor Farmer's Campground to partake in our annual trick-or-treat on October 2nd. Hundreds of kids from all over made their way to Poor Farmer's to collect as much candy as possible for their parents to snack on until Thanksgiving.

We would like to thank all the campers who participated in the campsite decorating contest, passed out candy and brought friends and family in to help celebrate. I was also impressed with the amount of policing done on the part of the general population. You were all instrumental in keeping the cars off of the roads while the littles begged for treats. It takes a village folks.

Below are pictures of the various winners of the site and costume contest. The winner for the Permanent Site was Mike and Jennifer Conley and the Weekend Site winner was Meghan and Bryant Mowen. Each of the campsite winners will receive a gift certificate from Poor Farmer's RV.

Perm Site Winner





Weekend Site Winner



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Funniest Adult



Golf Cart Winner





Pet Winner



"The meaning of life is to find your gift... The purpose of life is to give it away."

-Pablo Picasso

Guess the Year

- 1st release of Beatles compact discs
- Michael Jackson attempts to buy Elephant Man's remains
- US President Ronald Reagan challenges Mikhail Gorbachev to "tear down" the Berlin wall
- Bon Jovi release their 3rd album "Slippery When Wet"
- First "Scab Sunday" of NFL football with replacement players as a result of players strike
- B.B. King is inducted into the "Rock and Roll Hall of Fame"
- No-smoking rules take effect in US federal buildings
- Mike Conley triple jumps world indoor record (17.76m)
- Soap "Bold & Beautiful" premieres

Answer: 1987