



# The Chatter

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## The 4<sup>th</sup> Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness



The American Revolution did not start on July 4<sup>th</sup>, 1776. In fact, the Declaration of Independence wasn't even signed on July 4<sup>th</sup>, 1776. On July 2<sup>nd</sup>, the Declaration of Independence was submitted by Thomas Jefferson. After two days of debate and rewrites, it was adopted by congress on July 4<sup>th</sup>. However, it wasn't until August 2<sup>nd</sup> when the Declaration of Independence was signed by most of the 56 "founding fathers" at Independence Hall in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Now that you know when the Declaration of Independence was really signed, do you know when the American Revolution really started? From 1756 to 1763, France and England battled for land rights in the New World. With France advancing from Canada and Britain from the east, their forces met in the Ohio Valley. In 1763, the Treaty of Paris ended the 7 Year War (French and Indian War). France surrendered all possessions east of the Mississippi River which gave Britain security and the need to keep an army within their 13 colonies.

In March of 1765, a tax was applied to colonists through the Stamp Act. The Britain Parliament placed a tax on all legal documents, newspapers and even playing cards. The tax was meant to pay for the army which was left in the American colonies after the French and Indian War. However, colonial support was non-existent within Parliament, colonists were not happy about taxation without representation. Protests, boycotts and the formation of groups such as "The Sons of Liberty" caused Parliament to repeal the Stamp Act just seven months later due to mounting resistance and merchant concerns. This was a win for the colonists, who used this as a springboard for further acts of insurrection against unfair British doctrine.

The Townshend Duties were enacted in 1767. This was a tax, much like the Stamp Act, that Britain collected on goods. This tax on glass, lead, paint and paper, was meant to pay the expenses of governing the American colonies. The colonies resisted. However, colonial protest and boycotts did not inspire Britain to



## Colonial Army Soldier



## British Army Soldier



## Minute Man Soldier (Militia)



repeal this tax, instead, it encouraged them to occupy Boston with British troops to fight back on local radicals. On March 5<sup>th</sup> of 1770, as British Troops were guarding the customs house of taxable goods, colonists began taunting and throwing things at the troops. They started with snowballs, and it escalated from there. Many were wounded and five dead as British troops fired into the crowd. In America, this is known as the Boston Massacre. In England, it is known as the incident on King Street. The news of this massacre spread throughout the colonies.

For the next few years, American colonists who stood against Britain's rule would form organizations in protest and defiance of England. One of these groups was the Sons of Liberty, with key members, including Samuel Adams, John Hancock, and Paul Revere. Their contributions included many insurrectionist acts against British tyranny. One specifically was the Boston Tea Party in 1773. In April of 1775, British troops advanced to Lexington and Concord from Boston to arrest leaders of the Sons of Liberty and seize arms from colonists. Two important events happened during this time. The first is Paul Revere's famous midnight ride. The Son's of Liberty had a spy in Boston who warned Revere of British advancement with lamps outside of the Old North Church. One if by land, two if by sea. Paul Revere and other patriots rode towards Lexington and Concord, warning colonists along the way. The second event occurred once the British troops arrived in Lexington, Massachusetts. Their mission was to seize gun powder and arrest Samuel Adams and John Hancock. It is not clear who fired the first shot, but that "Shot Heard Round the World" is said to be the official beginning of the Revolutionary War. It was the first time colonial forces directly battled British soldiers in open battle. The colonists showed great tenacity and drove the British troops back to Boston. All the way back. Along the way back to Boston, the British lost even more troops due to the thousands of Minute Men who heard about the skirmishes in Lexington and Concord from Paul Revere and other patriots. Once the minute men reached Boston, they surrounded the city and took it back.

In 1783, after over one hundred thousand were dead, the Treaty of Paris ratifies the independence of the thirteen North American states, marking the official end to the Revolutionary War. Canada remained a British Province becoming America's neighbor. So, American independence began in 1776, but our independence wasn't officially recognized by Britain until 1783. Within a matter of twenty years, colonists recognized British tyranny, organized against it, and fought their way to freedom for all of us. Ironical how one Treaty of Paris got us into war, and the second marked the end.

Our Fourth of July celebration could not be possible without the brave men and women of early colonial America who sacrificed their own life, liberty and pursuit of happiness to ensure ours. I wonder what they would say about America in 2025. I hope everyone has a happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend. I hope this information made it a little easier to appreciate why we celebrate. God bless you and God bless America!

## Poor Farmer's 4<sup>th</sup> of July Schedule

### July 4<sup>th</sup>

**9:30pm- Light Parade!** Decorate your golf cart, bike, or person and we will cruise the campground with true American pride.

### July 5<sup>th</sup>

**1pm- Redneck Games!** We have taken some old-fashioned games from some of our hillbilly friends down south. Have fun and win redneck prizes.

**4pm- Adult Paint with Paula!** Cost is \$10. Sign up at the parts store for this fun adult paint. Bring whatever drink you wish, just leave the kiddos at the campers.

**7pm- Karaoke with Bill Miller!** Come show off your pipes or just come for the entertainment.

# All Cars Cruise-In

Bring your late model, classic, antique, muscle or rat rod car or truck to Poor Farmer's Campground Friday July 11<sup>th</sup> at 6pm. There is no entry fee! We will have music, food vendors, and more!

July 11<sup>th</sup>, 2025

6PM



**Poor Farmer's RV**  
2025  
**Jeep**  
**WRANGLE**  
**CALLING ALL JEEPS!**  
**Saturday!**  
**July 12th**  
**4pm-?**

- No Entry Fee
- Food Trucks
- Music
- Vendors
- Raffle & 50/50

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**Goodie Bags to the first fifty Jeeps!**

July 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> is going to be a wheelie good time. Friday the 11<sup>th</sup> will be our All Cars Cruise-In. Bring your classic, late model, or antique car, truck or van to Poor Farmer's at 6pm to enjoy music, food, and a look at some special rides. There is no entry fee for this event.

Then, on Saturday the 12<sup>th</sup>, bring your Jeep, any Jeep, to our Jeep Wrangle at 4pm. All Jeeps are welcome, Wrangler, Cherokee, Compass, Liberty, Gladiator, Renegade and your old military Jeep. We want to see all that Jeep has to offer.

There is no entry fee and the first 50 Jeeps that show up will receive a goody bag. We will have music, food trucks, vendor displays, 50/50, raffle and more.

Parking for both shows will be in our green area just south of our big shelter, so there will be plenty of shady spots. The All SARS, Search and Rescue Dog teams will be assisting us with parking.

Clean or muddy, top on or top off, your Jeep will feel right at home. Show off your mods and check out who has your next upgrade. T-shirts will be available from L&M Custom Graphics and a special prize will be raffled off along with a 50/50 drawing at 8pm. Hope to see all you Jeepers there!

# Site of the Month

**Site# 406 Eric, Heather & Brook Pence**



So clean! So sharp! This campsite is manicured to the tee. Eric and Heather have spent countless hours creating an extremely relaxing area for them to enjoy. Of course, extreme relaxation is something usually associated with Buddhist monks or Zen masters, but I feel Poor Farmer campers fit right in with those groups.

The Pence's have built a full-length platform that is equipped with enough seating for many friends. Timbers and brick outline the trees and gravel in a way that sharpen up the look. Less is more with this site. They kept the green space open, giving attention to the elegant piece of metal art that displays their name. We can't give all the credit to Eric and Heather though... as we all know, Brook had the final say.

We would like to thank the Pence's for their hard work and keen eye. This campsite may end up on our brochure one day. For your efforts, you will receive free dumps for the month of July or if you are signed up for yearly dumps, you will receive a \$50 credit to your account. Thanks again for making your campsite an example of what relaxation looks like.

## New Service Hours!!!!

Poor Farmer's Service Team is improving their hours to better suit you. Service will now be open on Saturday. Justin and the crew are eager to help. They feel that being available on Saturday will only improve your stay here at Poor Farmer's. If you have any issues with your RV that you need a professional's help with, see Justin or Mason in the new Service Center across from the Blacksmith Shop.

**Poor Farmer's Service Dept. is looking for a new Service Tech. See Justin for an application if you are interested.**

## WOODCARVER'S ROUND-UP

The Buckeye Woodcarvers are coming back to Poor Farmer's for their 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Round-Up. Come out and see wood carvers of different disciplines work their mahogany magic. There will be a wood carver's store, demonstrations, and carving lessons. The hours for the event are 9am-5pm with coffee and registration starting at 8am. There will also be an auction Friday evening.

Bring your curiosity and sense of adventure to Poor Farmer's for the Round-Up. You too can learn to create beautiful art from all types of woods. Learn from CCA members and past World and National Champions in the woodcarving arena. 2025 instructors include: John Parker, David Babb, Judy Woodruff, Dayle Lewis, Terry Borger and more. There is no charge for lessons, other than supplies and tools. Come and enjoy the art of woodcarving like never before. Watching someone's hands give life to a block of wood is very calming.

**July 16 – 19, 2025**



# GRANDPARENT'S WEEKEND!



Grandparents Weekend is always one of my favorite events. It reminds me of when I was 16 years old hosting birthday parties at McDonalds in Park Layne. Nothing brings a smile to my face faster than a smile on the face of a child. We would like to thank Ryan at Buckeye Bricks of Troy for donating the Legos. There's nothing like kickstarting the brain with a Lego build. Thanks to the Fletcher Fire Department for bringing out the truck and the extra-large slip-n-slide. I am pretty sure that will have to happen every year. Thanks to Deb, Russ, Shane, Amy, and Mom for all your help making this day very memorable for the kids and grandparents. Finally, thanks to all the parents and grandparents who participated in this event. We hope the rest of your day was very quiet and relaxing.



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## Christmas in July



Having a business that thrives in the Summer is great, until you realize that we don't get to celebrate the best holiday of the year... Christmas! That is why Poor Farmer's hosts Christmas in July. On July 26<sup>th</sup>, we will have Christmas dinner, a Christmas Paint, a Christmas Light Parade and more.

Some campers will decorate their campsites for Christmas, Grandma will read "The Night Before Christmas", and we may even get a visit from Santa. Let's not forget the entire reason we get to celebrate Christmas, and that is to remember the birth of our savior, Jesus Christ. If not for that event in Bethlehem, we would all be lost. Come join us for a jolly good time.



## Campsite Maintenance

Your campsite is special to you. How you keep your site is crucial to your experience here at Poor Farmer's. When you get a campsite, it will have a gravel pad to put your camper on, a picnic table, and a fire ring. How you decorate or set-up your site beyond that is completely up to you, as long as you are staying within the boundaries of our Rules and Regulations.

One item we are seeing to much of is folks asking for new gravel so that they can cover up the weeds that have grown through. Please utilize weed killer to keep your site clear. If we cover up weeds with gravel, it is only costing us money, and the weeds will grow back in a short time.

If you have trees that need trimmed, you are welcome to do so safely. If they are out of your reach or you are unable to do so, please let a parts store associate know and they will put that job on our maintenance list. Thank you for doing your part in keeping your site beautifully clean. A campground is only as nice as its campsites.



Can you find these hidden objects in the picture?

Color the item when you find it.

