



THE CHATTER

By Mike Till

St. Patrick wasn't Irish?

Saint Patrick, the Patron Saint of Ireland, was born in Roman Britain around 390 A.D. to a wealthy Christian family. His father was a deacon and local official. When Patrick was 16, he was captured by Irish raiders from his coastal home and sold as a slave.

In 390 A.D. Ireland was a decentralized, rural pagan society inhabited by thousands of small tribes. There were cannibals, murderers, human sacrifices, and the like. No real national government to create society. I imagine it was like that movie *The Purge*, where they suspended all law for one day of the year... but this was every day. At this time, the way the Irish survived was by farming, hunting, and sea-raiding.

When St. Patrick was captured, the raiders looted and burned his village then forced him to work as a shepherd for six years, before he escaped on a boat, back to Roman Britain.

During those six years, Patrick, held his faith in Christ. As a shepherd he spent most of his time in solitude praying, but when he was able, he would spread the word of God to those he encountered. God spoke to Patrick one day by saying, "Your ship is waiting." With God's protection and direction, he found a port 200 miles away with a ship that was leaving that day for Roman Britain.

When he returned home, he knew that he was called to minister. He went to religious training in Europe to become a deacon, then later a bishop. As a bishop he returned to Ireland, at the direction of the Father, as a missionary. He brought Christianity to Ireland, built churches, schools, and monasteries; and he used a special visual aide to teach about the Holy Trinity... a shamrock. Each heart shaped petal represented the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

As you can tell by the image to the right, St. Patrick is not wearing green. St. Patrick was known at that time for wearing blue. Green was adopted by the Irish in 1798 during a rebellion. Those who stood against British rule would wear green in support of the rebellion. The green color was more than likely associated with the Shamrock.

The legend that St. Patrick drove all the snakes out of Ireland is a myth. It represents his work to bring Christ to the pagans, therefore driving the snakes out. Fun Fact, Ireland has no snakes. In fact, there haven't been snakes in Ireland since before the last Ice Age.

St. Patrick passed away on March 17th, 461 A.D. He is believed to have died at the site of his first church, and his grave is on Cathedral Hill in Downpatrick, Northern Ireland. Each year we don't celebrate the birth of St. Patrick; we celebrate his life. The life that was powered by faith, love, forgiveness, and most of all, a life that delivered salvation to the people who enslaved him.

Before his passing, St. Patrick wrote his autobiography, *Confessio*. In his writings, St. Patrick describes his capture, his time in slavery, and his relationship with the Lord. It starts with, "My name is Patrick. I am a sinner, a simple country person, and the least of all believers."

I hope that you can celebrate the life of St. Patrick on March 17th. If you are drinking the traditional green beer, please do so responsibly. I will make one change to my St. Patrick's Day wardrobe. I will wear my green so I don't get pinched, but this year I will sneak in some blue. Enjoy the holiday folks.



St. Patrick

Patron Saint of Ireland

390 – 461 A.D.

"I fear nothing, because of the promises of Heaven; for I have cast myself into the hands of Almighty God, who reigns everywhere"
-St. Patrick

Coming Events!

POOR FARMER'S CAMPGROUND
VETERAN'S APPRECIATION WEEKEND
May 1st - 3rd, 2026



Veterans camp for **\$20/night**. Use code **Veteran20** when reserving your campsite at poorfarmerrvs.com

Join us for Food, Games, Entertainment and Fellowship. Our goal is to unite veterans from around the area and give them a place to have fun, allow opportunities for networking, receive valuable information, and most of all, relax with their families and friends. We will feature an Ice Cream Breakfast, Cornhole Tournament, a Veteran's Appreciation Dinner, Fun for kids, and Live Music by Steven "Crash" Worley. Get your reservation made today to lock in your spot at www.poorfarmerrvs.com. This event is sponsored by Poor Farmer's RV and Operation Veteran & Caregiver Support. Veterans working for veterans.



Poor Farmer's RV
5K Run/Walk for Autism Awareness
April 26, 2026
2pm Start

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SAME ROAD
SAME BRICKS
DIFFERENT VIEW

Cost w/t-shirt: **\$50 if paid before April 10th**
Charity: **Proceeds go to Autism Speaks**
Course: **Out and back 3.1-mile road course**

To register online, go to:
<https://runsignup.com/Race/OH/Fletcher/5kRunWalkforAutismAwareness>

The Poor Farmer's Open

May 3rd, 2026 / 1pm Shotgun Start

@ Lakeland Golf Course in St. Paris, Ohio

All proceeds go to the ALL SAR K-9 Search and Rescue Teams based in Miami County

\$75.00/Golfer Email Mike at mtill@poorfarmerrvs.com or call (937)600-4145 to sign-up your team or if you are interested in sponsoring opportunities.



OPENING SEASON! VETERAN'S APPRECIATION WEEKEND SCHEDULE

May 1st 7pm- We have two events that are happening simultaneously. Bill Miller will kick off the first of four chances to rack up points in our **Krazyoke Contest**. At the same time, **KUW Wrestlers** will be beating the snot out of each other in the Coachmen Shelter. There is no admission for either of these events.

May 2nd

9am- We kick off the day with our **World-Famous Ice Cream Breakfast**.

1pm- Bring your two-person team to the Big Shelter for **Cornhole**. \$5/team entry fee. Winner takes all.

4pm- Candy Bar BINGO! Win some sweet stuff with a BINGO! \$.50/card (10 player minimum)

5:30pm- Veteran's Appreciation Dinner provided by Operation Veteran and Caregiver Support

7pm- Live Music! Steven "Crash" Worley (Navy Veteran) will be performing classic rock and country.

May 3rd 1pm- The Poor Farmer's Open! At Lakeland GC.

Sign your team up with Mike (937)600-4145 or mtill@poorfarmerrvs.com



Information for Returning Seasonal Campers

Welcome to the 2026 Poor Farmer's Camping Season! We hope you have had a pleasant Winter and pray that the snow is almost through. Come on sunshine! If you were new last year to seasonal camping or if you have been here for years, this article applies to you.

First let me say "Thank You!" for returning for 2026. There are quite a few of you and we really appreciate it. If you have already paid for 2026, then you were able to take advantage of the lowest cost for seasonal camping around, only \$1300 if paid before March 1st.

If you haven't paid for the upcoming season yet, you still have an opportunity to save \$300. If you pay for your season before April 1st, your cost will only be \$1500. After April 1st, the full \$1800 will be owed, and that payment will be due by April 15th.

As the temps get warmer, more of you will be working on your campsites. Please remember that we will be working in the grounds as well and to please pay attention for any marked construction areas. Sometimes we can't get the job done in one day.



Please! Please! Please! Do not mark up the grassy areas if they are wet. I understand that you have things to unload, but please don't ruin the yard to do so. We have enough ruts to fix already from winter campers.

If you are interested in moving to a new campsite, please make sure your name is on the list to move. We will try to show you all the spots we can first, please remember, we sometimes don't find out a site is available until April 15, the deadline to have your season paid.

Don't forget about the yearly dump fee for \$200. That affords you (1) one dump a week through the camping season. If you do take advantage of this, please let us know if you do not need dumped. That saves Rick from another up-and-down on the tractor.

We have some fun things on the schedule, and an order of beautiful summer weather has been put in by, well, pretty much all of us. We pray that you all survive the rest of the winter with no scratches. We will see you soon.



POLAR FARMERS

It's coming folks! Mother Nature has been giving us little tastes of Spring and we want more. I hope you all had a wonderful winter at Poor Farmer's. I would like to thank Lynn, Shane and Rick for their help clearing the snow. I would like to thank Ultimate RV for being there for you when you need RV service. Finally, thanks to Robin for keeping the shower houses ship shape.

As a campground manager, I can explain to you what March is like with one question that is asked of me at least once a day. "When are you turning the water on?" For those of you who have already put that question in your quiver, I will tell you... I don't know. We will monitor the forecast and as soon as I feel there is no threat of freeze, we will turn the water on. We will, however, launch a post on our Facebook site when it is done.

The next FAQ is, "When can we move back to our regular sites?" That's easy... anytime. If you can do so without tearing up the lawn. Please make sure your regular sites are cleaned up and presentable. It won't be long before we are showing off the campground to new campers and we want this place looking as good as possible.

We will be collecting 100lbs propane tanks once the cold has passed. Please make sure to let us know when they are empty so we can pick them up. If you still have some propane in them, you will be able to use it up.

As you have probably seen, there has been some extensive damage to some parts of the green areas. Please do what you can to avoid causing any further damage. You can park on the side of the road, as long as another vehicle can pass. If you have a trailer, let me know and I will help you find a place for it. Space is limited when it gets soggy out there.

As always, if you have any questions, besides the two I have already answered, please let us know. Our goal is to get everyone moved back to their regular sites in an orderly fashion. Thanks for being here this past winter and hope we have



From Grandma's House

Occasionally, Grandma Springer will give me something that she found funny. I have collected quite a few and would like to do a reoccurring segment to share them with you. Thanks Grandma! Hope you feel better real soon!

Great Truths about life, from the perspective of...

A Child



- No matter how hard you try, you can't baptize cats.
- When your mom is mad at your dad, don't let her brush your hair.
- If your sister hits you, don't hit her back... they always catch the second person.
- Never ask your three-year-old brother to hold a tomato.
- Don't sneeze when someone is cutting your hair.
- You can't hide a piece of broccoli in a glass of milk.
- Don't wear polka dot underwear under white shorts.
- The best place to be when your sad is on Grandpa's lap.

Growing old is mandatory; Growing up isn't.

Forget the health food, I need all the preservatives I can get.

Time may be a great healer, but it's a lousy beautician.

I get the same sensation from a rocking chair that I used to get from a roller coaster.

When you fall down, you wonder what else you can do while your down there.

Wisdom comes with age, but sometimes age comes alone.

Grandma



Adult



- Raising teenagers is like nailing Jell-O to a tree.
- Wrinkles don't hurt
- Families are like fudge... mostly sweet, with a few nuts.
- Today's mighty oak is just yesterday's nut that held its ground
- Laughing is good exercise. It's like jogging on the inside.
- Middle age is when you choose your cereal for the fiber content, not the toy.

SUCCESS!

- At age 4 success is not peeing your pants.
- At age 12 success is having friends.
- At age 16 success is having a driver's license.
- At age 20 success is having a job.
- At age 35 success is having money.
- At age 50 success is having money.
- At age 60 success is having sex.
- At age 70 success is having a driver's license.
- At age 75 success is having friends.
- At age 80 success is not peeing your pants.

Remembering 2025



KUW wrestlers will be back on Opening Season Weekend. Can you smell what the campground is cooking?!

The Dark Knight won Best of Show with an impressive Jeep build at our Jeep Wrangle.



Who's itchin' to get their golf cart out of the barn?



This was a fun evening! Join the fun with Krazyoke this year. Details on pg. 6

All the kids enjoy Kristie's Crafts!



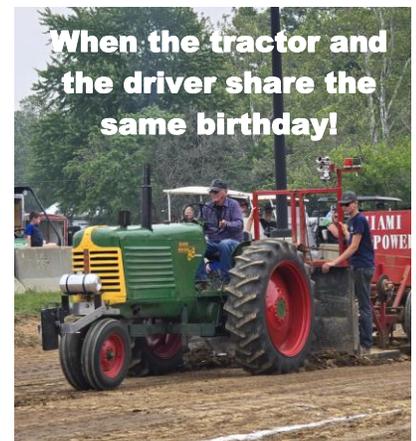
Quarter Auction!



Angela sets up a mean cornhole game!



Zen Master!



When the tractor and the driver share the same birthday!



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Krazyoke!



Krazyoke is a season-long contest where you can get a point for every song you sing, or if you sing with a group. There are four different karaoke events this year. For each of those events, you will get one point for every song you sing. The person with the most points at the end of the season will be awarded a special prize.

I would like to thank our friend and talented harmonica player, Bill Miller. He is a good friend, and we enjoy having him out to the campground.

The Krazyoke dates are posted to the right if you want to put them in your calander... or just pick up one of our 2026 Activity Schedules in the camp store. Let's Rock!



Krazyoke Dates:

May 1st - 7pm

**May 24th - 7pm
(80's Themed)**

July 4th - 7pm

Sept 5th - 7pm

GUESS THE YEAR!

- **1st class postage raised from 4 cents to 5 cents**
- **George Wallace(D) sworn in as Governor of Alabama, his address states "segregation now; segregation tomorrow; segregation forever!"**
- **CIA Domestic Operations Division created**
- **Winston Churchill becomes 1st honorary US citizen**
- **Cincinnati Reds Pete Rose triples for his 1st major league base hit**
- **ZIP (Zone Improvement Plan) Codes are introduced for United States mail**
- **US bans all monetary transactions with Cuba**
- **Lyndon B. Johnson sworn in as the 36th US President after the assassination of President John F. Kennedy**
- **Merle Haggard's 1st appearance on country music chart with "Sing a Sad Song"**

Answer:..... 1963