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The Chatter

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The Price of Freedom

Every year we celebrate the Fourth of July with fireworks, food, and family. We gather for a cookout and some summer fun to bask in the fortunate circumstances that our ancestors could only dream of. The freedoms we enjoy are given to us by God, our four fathers put in place a system that would protect those God given rights... the U.S. Constitution.

On July 4th, 2026, we will celebrate 250 years since the Declaration of Independence was adopted by the Second Continental Congress. This action directly preceded the Revolutionary War which lasted until the Treaty of Paris was signed in September of 1783.

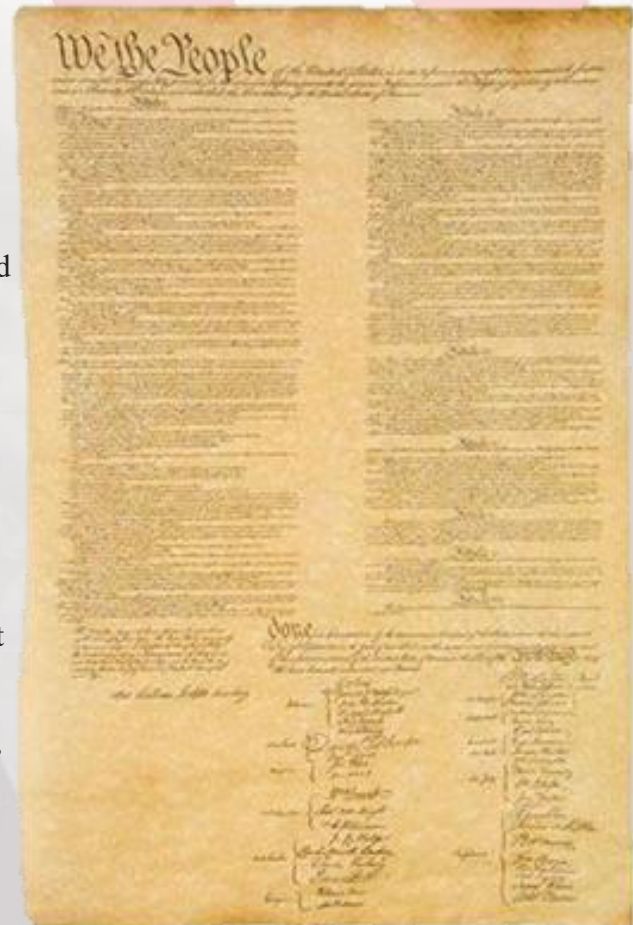
After the war officially ended, America was left with a weak central government. The Articles of Confederation created a loose alliance of sovereign states, but the federal government lacked the power to tax citizens directly, regulate interstate commerce, or maintain a standing army. This all led to severe debt and political gridlock.

In 1786, Economical distress and taxes that rivaled British rule instigated armed uprisings like Shay's Rebellion in Massachusetts. Farmer's rebelled against arrest and foreclosure by blocking judges from entering courthouses. These insurrections only concentered the need for America to have a stronger national government.

In 1787, the US Constitution was drafted, establishing a robust system of checks and balances for our federal government. The first three words of our Constitution are *We the People*, clearly stating that America is a nation governed by its citizens. It was also at this time that a US Congress was established, and George Washington was sworn in as our first President.

From 1776 to now, countless men and women have given the ultimate sacrifice for the idea of America. The idea that a government is meant to serve the people, instead of the people serving the government. That idea secures every American's right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

Every year 150,000 Americans sign up to join one of the five branches of our military. These brave men and women are the protectors of our freedom and put their lives on the line for this great nation. So, as we celebrate our 250th birthday as a nation, please remember those who gave their lives to make it happen... and that, is the Price of Freedom.



4th of July Weekend Schedule

Friday 7/3

7pm- Root Beer Float & BINGO @ Big Shelter (Donation for Floats and \$.50/card for BINGO.)

Saturday 7/4 Independence Day!

1pm- Redneck Games! @ Big Shelter (Three-Legged Race, Toilet Seat Toss, Obstacle Course, and more.)

4pm- Human Battleship @ Big Shelter (Put yourself in the game and prepare to get wet.)

7pm- Karaoke w/ Mad Dog Bill Miller (The third installment of Krazyoke, get your songs in to win.)

ButcherBuilt food truck will be here on Friday from 4-7pm and Saturday from 11am-7pm

What's Happening the Rest of July?

July 3rd – July 5th 4th of July Weekend

3rd

7pm **Root Beer Float and BINGO** \$.50/card (10 player minimum)

4th

1pm **Redneck Games!** Win cool ribbons by playing stupid games.

4pm **Human Battleship!** Put yourself in the game!

7pm **Karaoke W/Bill Miller** Patriotic songs welcome. Keep those points going.

10th

6pm **Cruise-In!** Show off your classic, late model, or antique car or truck. No Entry Fee!!!

11th

4pm-? **Jeep Wrangle!** Come see Jeeps of all make and models flex their stuff.

See our website for details. www.poorfarmerrvs.com

15th – 18th

Buckeye Woodcarver's Round-Up

You too can turn plain pieces of wood into beautiful works of art!

Get more info for this event at: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/362058247466868/>

24th – 26th

Christmas in July

24th

7pm **Cookie Exchange & BINGO** \$.50/card (10 player minimum)
Bake a couple dozen of your favorite cookies to trade with other bakers.

25th

2pm **Rock Paint Craft** Wear your favorite paint shirt for this fun event.

6pm **Christmas Dinner with Santa** He will have a gift for all the kids.

9:30pm **Christmas Golf Cart Light Parade** Spread holiday cheer throughout the campground.

Site of the Month

Site #447

Jackie Halm



July Site of the Month belongs to Jackie Halm on site #447. Jackie has camped at Poor Farmer's since 2018. She has volunteered to help with many different activities through the years and is active in most of them. Her site sits adjacent to the fields on the east side of the campground which allows for a beautiful sunrise view over the crops. Jackie takes great pride in her home away from home. The yard is always clean and well-manicured, and her platform is inviting with potted plants and a table for outside dining. Her Arctic Wolf fifth wheel is the centerpiece of this award-winning site. Thank you, Jackie, for creating a site that is easy on the eyes and keeps with the standard of Poor Farmer's Campground. Enjoy your free dumps for this month!

Buckeye Woodcarvers Round-Up

July 15th - 18th

The Buckeye Woodcarvers invade Poor Farmer's for the 16th year straight. It is easy for me to remember how many years the Woodcarvers have been meeting, because their first year was also my first year. In April of 2011 I started as General Manager of Poor Farmer's and in July of 2011 the Woodcarvers started their Round-Up tradition.

Since then, we have acquired four chainsaw carvings, multiple wood carved masterpieces, and a storage room in our shelter. The Buckeye Woodcarvers have established a show that has stood the test of time and we hope that they are able to continue the streak.

If you are interested in woodcarving or just watching the magic happen, you are welcome to come out and join in the artistic fun. With minimal purchase, you can get what you need to start some basic carving skills.

Thanks to Jim and Barb Foster for organizing this fun event. We look forward every year to the different styles, forms, and talents that the Round-Up brings to Poor Farmer's.



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Grandparent's Weekend



The 2026 Grandparents Weekend featured Lego, a scavenger hunt, a fire truck, slip-n-slide, bubbles, balloons, Ice Cream, popcorn and a Delorian. Let me tell you about being wore out. What a perfect day we had for Grandparents Weekend. It was sunny when it was supposed to be and rained when we were under roof.

We started the day with a Lego build sponsored by Buckeye Bricks in Troy. If you or someone you know loves Lego, send them to Buckeye Bricks. After about an hour of free building, the kids were ready for the Lego race. This year the mini set build race was a Star Wars Mandalorian Razor Crest spaceship. If you can see that ship in your head, we are already friends. If you can't, there is a picture below. The winners of those fabulous Lego sets pictured below are 1st Place- Owen Hess, 2nd Place- Emmett Ferguson, and 3rd Place- Parker Gauvey. When all the Lego were back in the correct color container, we held the scavenger hunt that was supposed to be on Friday night but was cancelled due to weather.



After lunch, the firetruck was set up and ready to spray. We broke out the slip-n-slide, bubbles and water balloons which seemed to make all the kids smile. Those kids must have made 50+ trips down that slip-n-slide without injury. If we did an adult slip-n-slide, the betting pool for how long we can go before an injury would be the highlight of the event. After the fire truck left, we held a balloon launch. We strapped our personal information to a balloon and let it sore into the wild blue yonder. Ken put his email on the paper and got a response back from London, OH. After all the balloons were out of sight, we enjoyed some ice cream.

That night, we set up the movie screen in the shelter to keep out of the rain. We popped some corn and featured Back to the Future. Once Marty made his way back to 1985, Andrea and I were beat. We couldn't help but be happy with the way the day went. We got to see so many smiles from both kids and grown-ups. Kids were happy with being able to play all day and grown-ups were happy that the kids were going to sleep well that night. We would like to thank all who came and enjoyed the day with us.





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