



The Chatter

Labor Day Weekend

In the late 1800s, at the start of the industrial age, American workers faced harsh conditions and extremely long hours. On September 5th, 1882, about 10,000 workers held a parade in New York City to demand better pay and hours. Twelve years later, Grover Cleveland signed the law, making Labor Day a national holiday.

Labor Day has become the unofficial end to Summer as we start seeing cooler temps and shorter days. This is also when campers, fisherman, boaters, and golfers strive to get the few remaining days of sun in.

We often overlook the hard work and sacrifice made by our ancestors. America went from almost 4 million square miles of fruitful plains to a dominant world power in a matter of only a couple hundred years. That kind of growth doesn't come with 8-hour workdays, 40-hour work weeks and people playing on Facebook when they're supposed to be working.

We give much respect to veterans, first responders, and political figures, but we often fail to see the contributions of the average American worker. Labor Day was designed to give us that yearly reminder that American spirit and ingenuity over the course of a four or five generations has built what no one thought was possible.

Here's to anyone who wakes up most mornings to keep the county going. Yes, many of us today go to work to build a life and a family, but that opportunity would never have been open for us if it wasn't for the men and women who gave much more than we could imagine.

Enjoy this weekend and remember all the sacrifices that were made by our grandparents.



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| 5th | 8:30-10am | Shriner's Breakfast Join us to raise money for the Shriners Hospital. Eggs, Ham and Toast. Donation only! |
| | 11am | Redneck Games Let your inner hillbilly shine while you play stupid games. |
| | 1pm | Dot Art Craft Put on your paint shirt and enjoy this fun way to create. |
| | 3pm | Crazy BINGO \$.50/card (10 player minimum) |
| | 5:30pm | Steak & Potato Dinner Sign-up by August 22 nd to lock in your spot. \$20/plate donation |
| | 7pm | Karaoke W/Bill Miller Final chance to get points toward the Krazyoke Contest! |
| 6th | 10am | Church in the Big Red Barn |
| | 2pm | 4-on-4 Volleyball Tournament. Bring your team of four to the show. Prize for 1 st place. |
| | 4pm | Comedian / Ventriloquist Mike Hemmelgarn! |
| | 7pm | Hawaiian Luau! Break out your coconuts! Music, drinks, food and more. |
| | 9:30pm | Light parade! Decorate your golf cart, bike or self and join us in illuminating the campground. |

Weekend Schedule

POOR FARMER'S RV

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DECORATE
YOUR CAMPSITE
FOR A CHANCE
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HALLOWEEN

OCT. 10 & 17

WITH COSTUME CONTEST

AT 5PM

WIN PRIZES FOR VARIOUS CATEGORIES
INCLUDING: FUNNIEST, SCARIEST, BEST PET,
GOLF CART AND MORE!



TRICK

OR

TREAT

AROUND THE
CAMPGROUND
FROM
5:30-7:30 PM



THE HAUNTED SHELTER

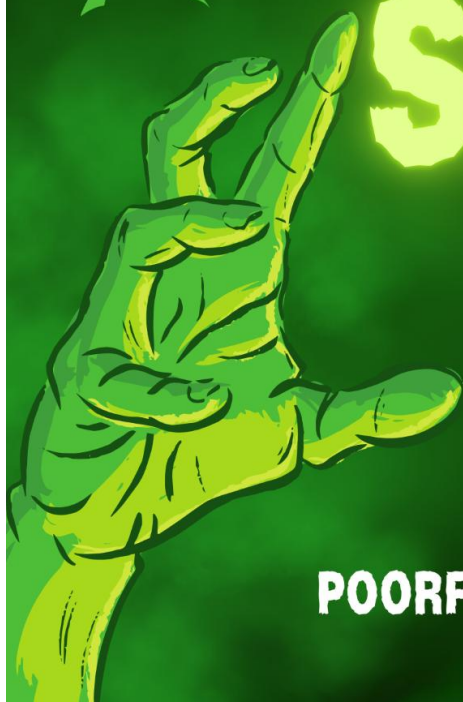
OCTOBER 9 & 10: 8-11PM

OCTOBER 16 & 17: 8-11PM

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

ADMISSION: \$10

RESERVE YOUR CAMPSPOT AT
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Site of the Month

September Site of the Month goes to Tony and Lori Ammon on site #414. Sitting just before the curve at the pond, this site gets the tranquil ripple of the creek behind it while still getting a view of the pond in the front.

The Ammons have worked diligently to create a space that is comfortable, inviting and full of color. Their frontage is graced with summer décor and the Stars and Stripes. This site is always manicured and ready for some relaxation.

Thank you, Tony and Lori, for the work you put into your campsite which adds to the serenity of Poor Farmer's. For your efforts, you will be awarded \$50 in credit since you are signed up for dumps.



The Carl Springer Memorial Tractor & Engine Show / Flea Market

The Carl Springer Memorial Tractor & Engine Show is quickly approaching and as of now, there are just a few sites available online. If you don't do the world wide web, give us a call at (937) 368-2449 and we can help you. If you are interested in setting up a flea market site, we will begin selling those spots on Monday, September 14th.

Carl Springer started the tractor show in the mid-seventies.

For the past 50+ years, the Poor Farmer's Tractor Show has been one of the highlight weekends for our campground. One of the most common phone calls we get is for people asking when our tractor show is. Over the years, this show has changed in many ways. I remember my first tractor show. Steve had been doing it for years and was trying to show me the ropes. He told me very bluntly that I would feel like I was in prison, and he was not kidding. It was literally a hundred hour week.

We would start parking on Sunday morning to get the campground set up for the following weekend. Campers and flea marketeers would spend half the day waiting in line to get the spot they wanted. Now, you can go online, reserve the site, and once you check in, we will get you parked. Flea marketeers can reserve their flea spots on the final day of the show, Sunday at 2pm, so that process has been streamlined a bit as well.

In review, some things have changed and some have not. We still have the MCAPA tractor pulls, we still have an array of vendors selling God knows what, and we still have antique tractors and engines. Get your reservation made today, to secure your spot for a great time. Let's Go Campin'!



Golf Cart Rodeo Recap



THURSDAY,
AUGUST 25TH
8:30PM



The 2026 Golf Cart Rodeo was a great time. We sped through the finish at the drag race, had some crazy moments during the obstacle course, and no one flipped a cart during the figure-8 race... all good things. I would like to first thank all the people who worked to make this event fun. Rick LeVally! You will be forever first in my acknowledgments. You started the Golf Cart Rodeo in 2014 and for 12 years we have been having a blast due to your innovation. Your years of racing experience is evident within the entire day. Thank you! I would also like to thank Troy Scherer and the Odd Powers crew. The Golf Cart Rodeo has become an annual reunion for them. Troy makes the Show-N-Shine trophies and assists me with figuring out what class each golf cart falls in. Thanks also to Jimmy Weaver, Ken Bailey, Andrea Till, Amy Miles, and Jaiden for helping with set-up and operations.

One thing that would absolutely help this event is more participation. If you have a regular stock golf cart and think that you won't be able to be competitive, think again. Our friend Charles Warmoth was the only stock golf cart in attendance, and he won a prize for every event that was class specific. So, get that golf cart to the Rodeo next year and share in the fun.



Game Show Night!

The evening after the Golf Cart Rodeo is when we award all the prizes won at that rodeo. Directly after the awards are given, Game Show Night commences. We set the stage for an evening of *Friendly Feud* and *The Price is Close*. We get a special visit from game show host, Bark Bobber. You may know him from such shows as *Who Wants to be a Hundredaire* or *The Wheel of Fortune Cookies*. He is joined by his announcer Jimmy and of course Bobber's Beauties! We hosted three games of *Friendly Feud* and enjoyed 8 separate games for *The Price is Close*. We gave away tens if not hundreds of dollars in cash and prizes that we will probably find at a flea market spot at the end of the month. Our contestants don't come for the prizes though, they come so they can laugh at their friend's ridiculous answers and give Bark a hard time about questions he got from the internet. Watch out for next year's Game Show Night. This year we added Hole-in-One... or two so you never know what may be coming for next year. I am leaning towards Plinko.





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Mike's Trip to Dubuque

In 1995, my good friend and Marine Brother, Mike Peacock, talked me into going to the driving range at El Toro golf course. After a few sessions on the range, I played my first nine holes at El Toro. Neither Mike nor I owned our own clubs, so we would each rent a set of mix-matched clubs from the clubhouse.

We eventually bought our own sets of clubs and from that point spent almost every day off on the course. At the time, it only cost us \$3/day. I spent more time with Mike at the El Toro golf course than I did anywhere else. Thirty years later in 2024, Mike came to the 1st Marine Corps reunion I hosted and, in a surreal moment, we played Lakeland.

In August, I took our youngest son Mikey and my nephew Garrett to Dubuque, Iowa or more specifically, East Dubuque, Illinois. East Dubuque is where Peacock grew up. We were able to play his home course, visit the fireworks store that his sister owns, and lose a little money at the casino where he used to work. It was an amazing trip.

I was also able to see Larry, Kevin and Chris. Three guys who have been friends with Mike for many years, who have become my friends over the past few years. Pictured with Mikey and I are my nephew Garrett and my friend Larry, who Grandma Springer will tell you, is one hell of a guy.

The bottom picture is from November 10th, 1996, at the Marine Corps Ball at MCAS El Toro. Pictured from left to right: Ralph Escamillo, Todd Zerillo, Mike Peacock, and Mike Till. Semper Fi!



GUESS THE YEAR

- The body of Jack the Ripper's first victim, Mary Ann Nichols, is found in Whitechapel in London's East End
- "Father of American Golf" John Reid first demonstrates golf on a Yonkers cow pasture to friends
- DeWolf Hopper first recites the comedic baseball poem "Casey at the Bat"
- US Congress creates Department of Labor
- Frederick Douglass is the first African American to receive a vote for US president in a major party's roll call vote at the Republican National Convention
- First organized rodeo competition held in Prescott, Arizona
- George Eastman patents the first roll-film camera and registers the brand name "Kodak"
- National Geographic magazine is published for the first time
- John J. Loud patents the ballpoint pen
- Washington Monument opens for public admission

Answer:..... 1888