

# THE RUSTED ROWBOAT

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## This Weekend's Activities

Happy Labor Day Weekend!

Friday: Drive-In Movie at dusk, outside of the event center. Concessions will be available in the lodge until 9:30 p.m.

Saturday: Chili Cook-Off at 6 p.m. in the picnic shelter. All entries must be submitted by 5:55 p.m. Everyone is welcome to taste-test and vote for the peoples' choice award.

A live bluegrass band will be playing in the event center from 8-11 p.m.

Sunday: Wreath Making (and misc crafts for kids) will take place in the picnic shelter at 5 p.m.

The bonfire is postponed due to the red flag warning/intense heat.

Monday: Ditch Cleaning with at 10 a.m., followed by complimentary lunch for volunteers



## Goodbye For Now!

This is the last issue of Rusted Rowboat for the 2023 season. It has been a lot of fun writing this for everybody, and I hope you've enjoyed it! I just wanted to take this opportunity to touch up on a few FAQ from the last couple weeks, and make any needed final announcements.

*Why do we close when we do?* The weather, mainly; our pipes are dug quite shallow, so if we don't winterize, we run the risk of freezing & burst pipes—this would be a messy and expensive situation! Almost all campgrounds in MN close on this date (if not earlier).

*Why does the lot rent keep going up? Where is the money going?* Raising lot rent is not something we particularly enjoy, despite what some may think. If you have seen the state of the economy and the

## Upcoming Activities

The postponed bonfire will still take place either next weekend or the following weekend.

Sept 29: Farewell Feed at 7 p.m. This will be a baked potato bar in the lodge!

## Campground Birthdays & Anniversaries

Katie Ferden (Lot 87):  
September 8

Carl Pederson (Lot 36):  
September 9

## Lodge Corner

This week our pizza is Chorizo Taco: mozzarella and taco blend cheeses and chorizo slices, which are then topped after baking with lettuce, salsa, mild hot sauce, and crushed Cool Ranch Doritos. Remember you can still order other pizzas off the menu, or build your own! We will no longer have a pizza of the week after this weekend, but build-your-own will continue to be available until we run out of crusts. Our cookie this week is Black and White, which is dark & white chocolate chip cookies. The baked good is zucchini bread, and the Italian Soda of the Week is Peachy-O (Peach and vanilla with Peach-O candies)!

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costs of things, especially since COVID, this should mostly be self-explanatory. But things like broken machinery, the need for excessive tree removal, and a recent \$5,000 increase in property taxes are the biggest culprits for this latest necessary increase. We have no problem breaking down our budget for anyone who is seriously concerned, but with the size of this place coupled with business costs in general, we hope it's understandable. We try to make every penny worth it for our clients by keeping the campground clean, fun, and as updated as budget allows us each year.

*Can I get more information on the road spraying?* Justin would have the specifics for you, if you needed more answers before casting your vote. The Clay County website would also have some information on road spraying. Remember to vote for this in the lodge by September 30! Several have also mentioned paving the road, but this is something that would be a very, very hefty cost, and would require a lot of county meetings and approval. Paving could also bring in more random stragglers off the highway and into the campground, further increasing the risk of thefts and vandalism, likely creating a need for more extensive security than what we're able to afford.

**Final Announcements:** A lot of the following were covered in our Fall Newsletter, but just wanted to make sure to remind everyone and have bases covered. The campground will be closed for the year on September 30. 1st half lot rent is also due on this date. No overnight stays will be allowed after this time, but you may return during the day through October 8 to winterize. After that, remember to make an appt with us at least 24 hours in advance to come out; it isn't always possible if we are out of town, working on renovations/building, or there is excessive snow cover. If you require dock/lift removal, please register and pay for that by Sept 30. Our fall hours in the lodge start next week: 3-6 Fridays, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Saturdays, and 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Sundays. Sept 23 we will be short staffed, so the hours will be only 12-5 p.m. that day. We have decided on a baked potato bar for our final meal of the year, and this will be served in the lodge at 7 p.m. on Sept 29. Stop in to say goodbye to all our staff; we will miss you!