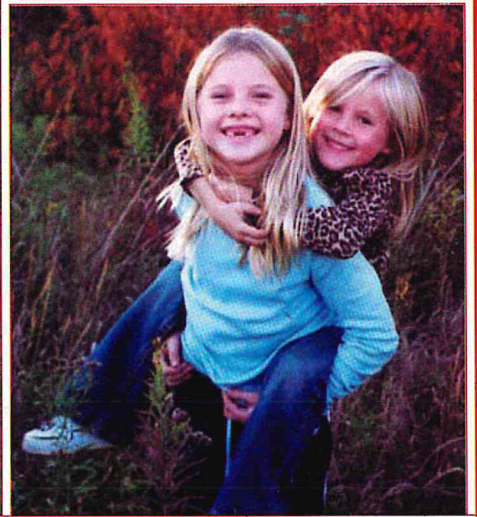


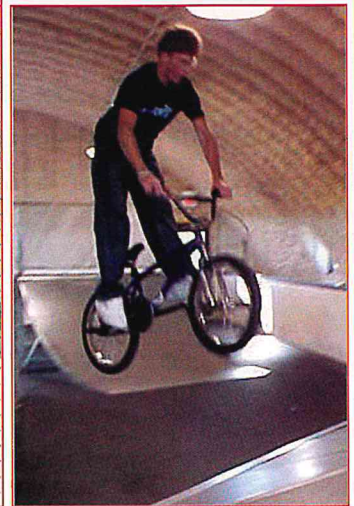
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2006 Spring/Summer Issue



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# Director's Message

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*From Executive Director Edward C. Clift...*



Dear Citizens,

Our staff has some great activities for you, your friends, and family this spring and summer. Spring is here so let's get out of the house and enjoy the great outdoors!

In this issue, you'll see outstanding trips planned for this summer. I would like to draw your attention to the trip on May 13th to the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum. Our family visited this site over spring break. It is a five-star attraction with some of the most advanced technology for museums in our country today. It is a very moving experience and educational too. Please take time to work this trip into your busy schedules, you will not be disappointed! Also check out the other trips to the Rocky Mountains and the Boundary Waters.

**Picnics** - We have excellent facilities to host your corporate, church, or family picnic this summer. Picnic shelters are available at Stone Quarry Recreation Park and the Byron Forest Preserve near the Jarrett Prairie Center.

**Golf Playdays** - PrairieView Golf Club has a few open dates left for playdays this year. If you are looking for a great golf course for your next outing, call 815-234-GOLF(4653) to make your reservation now. Better yet, you could stop by and check out the new pro shop design, it's much more customer friendly.

**Graduations & Weddings** - We can accommodate any event with our beautiful banquet rooms at the Jarrett PrairieCenter and the fun party room at Stone Quarry Recreation Park. Stone Quarry Recreation Park is offering a \$50 discount for any new booking of 100 or more for 2006! See the coupon below. PrairieView Golf Club also offers a banquet facility for any type of event. Quality and excellence do not have to be expensive! Call 815-234-8535 ext. 200 today to book your next party!

**Matt Johnson Scholarship** - This program continues to provide funds for the youth of the community who are in need of financial assistance to participate in various Forest Preserve programs and activities. Check out the special fundraiser event in this issue and support the children of Byron.

If you need any additional information or to clarify any items, please call me anytime at 815-234-8535 ext. 201. Have a great summer and we'll see you at the Forest Preserve!

*Ed Clift*

Edward C. Clift  
Executive Director

## Stone Quarry Recreation Park

Corporate  
Picnics

**\$50 Off Facility Rental**

Family  
Reunions

Call 234-8900 to book your next party. Only valid for groups of 100 or more.  
Must be a new booking in 2006. Not valid with any other offer. Expires December 30, 2006.



# General Information

## Byron Forest Preserve District

7993 North River Road, P O Box 1075, Byron IL 61010

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### Jarrett Prairie Center Hours:

Mon., Wed., Fri.	8am-4:30pm
Tues. & Thurs.	8am-8pm
Saturday	9am-4pm
Sunday	1-4pm

### Jarrett Prairie Center is closed:

Memorial Day, May 29  
Independence Day, July 4

### Administrative Offices are closed:

Memorial Day, May 29  
Independence Day, July 4

### Photography Policy

Photographs and videos are periodically taken of participants during programs, special events, trips, or at the parks. Please be aware that these photographs may be used for Forest Preserve District publications and/or local newspapers.

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The Byron Forest Preserve District Board of Commissioners meetings are held on the third Monday of each month at 6:30 pm at the Jarrett Prairie Center, 7993 North River Road, Byron.

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# Our Mission



**BYRON  
FOREST  
PRESERVE  
DISTRICT**

## Mission Statement

*Preservation ~ Education ~ Recreation*

The mission of the Byron Forest Preserve District is to provide for Preservation of Open Space/Natural Resources, provide Education concerning our Natural Environment/Heritage, provide Recreational Opportunities and Enterprise Operations that are consistent with our Agency goals.

## Steps Into Computer Age

We have finally stepped into the computer age with some new additions to the operations of the Forest Preserve.

**New Software Program** - RecTrac and MainTrac is software that is designed specifically for recreation facilities. This new software will increase efficiency for program registrations, facility reservations, and maintenance operations.

**New Digital Sign** - Our new digital sign located on the corner of Route 72 and German Church Road is an awesome addition to the Forest Preserve. Now we are able to inform the community of our great programs on an ongoing basis.

**New Websites** - Hopefully, many of you have visited our new websites, [www.byronforestpreserve.com](http://www.byronforestpreserve.com) and [www.stonequarrypark.com](http://www.stonequarrypark.com). They have been re-designed and are much more user friendly. There is a calendar of events that is updated regularly and other interesting information.



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# Prairie

## Cream Wild Indigo A Spring Prairie Plant

By Russell Brunner

Assistant Superintendent of Restoration and Maintenance



**Description:** In late April, thick stems quickly emerge from our upland prairies which resemble asparagus. These stems are the first signs of an uncommon perennial prairie plant called Cream Wild Indigo, *Baptisia leucophaea*. The stems develop into a large, low rising plant with sprawling branches and large yellow inflorescences (flowers) that cascade down to the ground. Each individual creamy yellow flower is about 1" wide with a fanlike upper petal

and two protruding side petals. Each flower turns into a black seed pod containing golden brown seeds.

**Habitat:** The Cream Wild Indigo is found in high quality upland prairie habitat in most of the tallgrass prairie region. This plant is rather common within our Jarrett Nature Preserve throughout the Four Hills Trail growing among Little Bluestem, Side-Oats Grama and many prairie wildflowers.

**Additional Information:** This is one of the earliest plants to bloom in the prairie, and is closely related to a later blooming and taller white variety of Baptisia, called White Wild Indigo. This plant survived the grazing history at the Jarrett Prairie Preserve due to its toxic foliage, but is eventually eliminated from heavily grazed pastures, and now is rarely found outside of high quality prairies. This species is pollinated primarily by queen bumblebees. Caterpillars of some butterflies, skippers, and moths feed on the foliage of this and other wild indigos. The Wild Indigo Weevil is commonly seen feeding on these plants. The adults feed on the flowers and leaves, while the larvae feed on the seeds.

To view some additional photographs, visit the website of the Illinois Natural History Survey at <http://www.inhs.uiuc.edu/~kenr/prairieplants.B.html>, scroll down to *Baptisia leucophaea*.

## Invasive Plants

By Wes Vilmin, Restoration Assistant

Why should we be concerned with invasive plants?

Typically, these plants were introduced to the area by accident or purposely without the knowledge or forethought of effect on our natural habitats. These exotic species usually, from Asia or Europe, go unchecked here because there are no natural enemies that come with them. In many cases, these plants even modify the soil around them preventing our natives from germinating. Other methods of competition are shading, consumption of nutrients, and moisture.

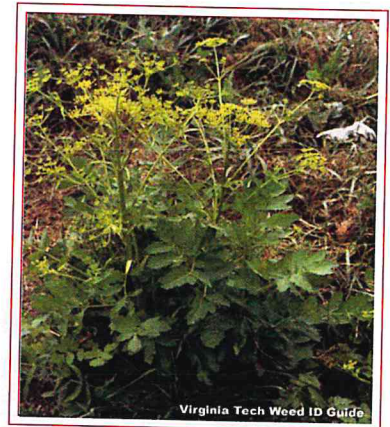
Wild Parsnip (*Pastinaca sativa*) is one species that I wish to address in this issue. This plant grows readily throughout the region and is seen in large quantities along roadsides, in fields, on forest edges, and in prairies. It favors sunny spaces and becomes abundant in these areas. Left unchecked, parsnip can spread into adjacent high-quality zones.

Controlling wild parsnip-CAUTION: If the plant juices contact your skin it will cause redness, pain, and blistering if exposed to sunlight. The plant has photo-sensitizing chemicals in its juice which activates with ultraviolet light that is present on sunny or

cloudy days. Wear gloves, long sleeves and pants to avoid skin contact.

The most effective method of removal is mechanical through hand pulling or cutting the root with a spade. This should be done before seeds develop. Pulling is easiest after a good rain. If a large area is infested, mowing will be somewhat effective on second year plants after the flowering stage, but must be repeated several times. Chemical control with 2% Round-up on basal rosettes is recommended. Apply to individual plants in late fall. 2-4D is also effective in spring or fall on large infestations but not advisable on or near quality prairie sites where native species are in the growing stage.

Burning is not successful in the control of parsnip. However, burning does allow for easier identification of re-sprouts and maintains the vigor of our natural plants.



Virginia Tech Weed ID Guide



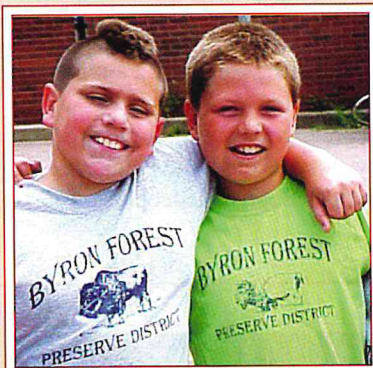
## Summer Fun!

# Summer Day Camp

### *Fun for 6-12 year olds!!*

Summer camp participants will have access to all of Stone Quarry Recreation Park's fantastic facilities, including free mini-golf and skate park usage. Campers will also enjoy nature-oriented games and activities, crafts, puzzles, contests, and much much

more! Weekly visits to Lake Louise combined with other fun field trips keep campers active with a diverse schedule and a variety of activities for everyone.



Overnight campouts will be held on the Fridays of Week One and Week Ten. These require a separate registration and cost \$20. This includes dinner, late snack, breakfast, tents, and all activities.



#### **Dates:**

Week One	June 12-16
Week Two	June 19-23
Week Three	June 26-30
Week Four	July 3-7
(no camp July 4th)	
Week Five	July 10-14
Week Six	July 17-21
Week Seven	July 24-28
Week Eight	July 31-August 4
Week Nine	August 7-11
Week Ten	August 14-18

#### **Times:**

9 am - 4 pm

#### **Ages:**

6 - 12 years old

#### **Latchkey:**

7 - 9 am - \$10 / week  
4 - 6 pm - \$10 / week

#### **Cost:**

\$80 per week (\$65-July 4th week)

#### **Sibling:**

\$70 per week (\$55-July 4th week)

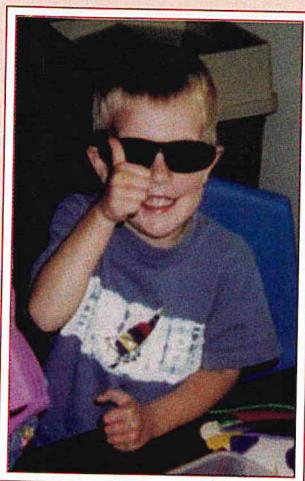


**To register, stop by the Jarrett Prairie Center  
or call 234-8535 ext. 200.**



## Adventure Club

### *Fun for 3-6 year olds!!*



This fun program is especially geared toward preschool children. Each two-week session has a theme, and will include games, crafts, stories, and outdoor play. Children are provided a fun, safe, and comfortable environment with our caring staff.

The last day of each session will be spent at Stone Quarry Recreation Park for play time at the splash and play water area and playground.



**Days:**

Mondays & Wednesdays  
or Tuesdays & Thursdays

**Times:**

9 - 11 am or 1 - 3 pm

**Ages:**

3 - 6 years old

**Cost:**

\$35 per two-week session

**June 12 - 22 Creepy, Crawly, Slimy!**

Make your own slime, look for bugs, dig for worms! There will be many interesting and delightfully icky adventures in this session.

**June 26 - July 6 Kids in the Kitchen**

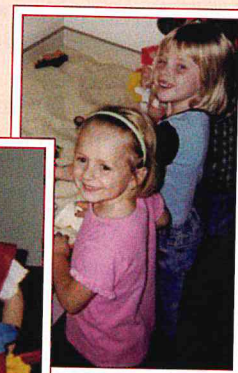
Learn about cooking, make your own treats, and taste lots of different foods! Children will experiment with cooking in a safe environment. No class July 4th. The Tues/Thurs session is \$28.

**July 10 - 20 Hands On Science**

Create lots of things with simple materials and your own two hands while learning a little science. There will be lots of fun in a little laboratory.

**July 24 - August 3 Outdoor Fun!**

We'll play games and have lots of activities outside. We'll burn off all that energy before school starts!



**To register, stop by the Jarrett Prairie Center  
or call 234-8535 ext. 200.**



## Special Events

### Skate Competition

Free-style competition for skateboarders. One winner per age group, based on applause and staff decision. Each contestant will get a one-minute run on the half pipe and a two-minute run on the advanced ramps.



Where: Stone Quarry Park  
 When: Saturday, July 22  
 Time: 3 pm  
 Cost: \$5 / person  
 Age: K - 5th Grade  
 Groups: 6th-8th Grade  
 9th-12th Grade  
 Min/Max: 5 / 20  
**Register by Noon on July 19.**

**NEW!**

### Air Soft

This new activity will take place in the quarry. It is mandatory for kids to pre-register and fill out a waiver with signature of parent/guardian and participant. A rules/safety packet must be picked up at the time of registration. Anyone disobeying the rules will lose their Air Soft privileges. Boots, goggles, and carrying equipment are required! All new participants must sit through an orientation prior to playing.

Where: Stone Quarry Park  
 When: Saturdays  
 June 3 & 17  
 July 1 & 15  
 August 5 & 19  
 September 2 & 16  
 Time: 1-3 pm - Session 1  
 4-6 pm - Session 2  
 Cost: \$3 / person / session  
 Age: Middle School & High School  
 Min/Max: 6 / open  
**Register by Noon on the Wednesday before you want to play.**

### Rockin' Live at Stone Quarry!

Stone Quarry is hosting an all ages show featuring *Enter* on Saturday, May 6 from 6-10 pm.

*Felix Cupla, Killer Apathy, and For The Birds* will also be performing. Admission is only \$5.

Call 234-8900 for more information.



### Father's Day at the Park

Every dad who comes into the park with his family gets free admission to the batting cages, mini-golf, or skate park! Also, dads will get one free regular ice cream cone.

Where: Stone Quarry Park  
 When: Sunday, June 18  
 Time: Noon - 7 pm  
 Cost: Dads get in FREE!

### Firecracker Overnighter

Have you ever played on the playground at 1 am? Or gone miniature golfing at 3 am? You'll have the opportunity to do just that! Other games and activities will also be provided. Don't forget your sleeping bag!

Where: Stone Quarry Park  
 When: Sat.-Sun., June 30-July 1  
 Time: 8 pm - 7 am  
 Cost: \$15 (includes dinner & breakfast)

Ages: 4th - 8th grade  
 Min/Max: 10/30  
**Register by noon on June 28.**

### ByronFest Weekend Special

For every paid admission to the skate park or mini-golf, get the second free!

Where: Stone Quarry Park  
 When: Fri-Sun, July 7-9  
 Time: 11 am - 7 pm

### Mother's Day at the Park

Every mom who comes into the park with her family gets free admission to the batting cages, mini-golf, or skate park! Also, moms will get one free regular ice cream cone.

Where: Stone Quarry Park  
 When: Sunday, May 14  
 Time: Noon - 5 pm  
 Cost: Moms get in FREE!

### Memorial Day Weekend Special

For every paid admission to the skate park or mini-golf, get the second one free!

Where: Stone Quarry Park  
 When: Sat.-Mon., May 27-29  
 Time: 11 am - 5 pm

### Kids Garage Sale

Clean out your closets and get rid of those toys you don't play with anymore. This will give you some spending cash this summer! Parents are encouraged to assist. Kids may price their own items and make change. This is also a great place for kids and parents to shop for "new" stuff!

Where: Stone Quarry Park  
 When: Saturday, June 24  
 Time: 1 - 4 pm  
 Cost: \$2 / table  
 Ages: K - 8th Grade  
 Min/Max: 5 / 20

**Reserve tables by noon on June 21.**



# Volunteers, Etc.

## Please Register Early

By registering early, each program, trip, and event has the best opportunity to meet the minimum number required for that activity. You may register by mail, by phone, or in person. When registering by phone/fax, you must use a credit card to secure your participation in that program.

**Payment is due at the time of registration.**

## Field Trips

to the Natural History Museum,

Weiskopf Observatory, & Heritage Farm Museum

Scouts, schools, and senior groups are welcome to the Forest Preserve for an educational and fun tour of our great museums. Staff welcome and give tours for the low cost of \$1.50 per person with a minimum of \$30 per group. We offer many sessions to choose from including prairie ecology, animal encounter, and group dynamics. Call 234-8535 x217 to schedule your next outing with us.

**Matt Johnson**  
**Scholarship Fund**  
 Financial Assistance Available  
 for Forest Preserve Programs  
 Call 234-8535 ext. 201!

## Birthday Parties

**Jarrett Prairie Center**

Themes: Native Americans, Sky's the Limit, Goodness Snakes, Insects of Our World, Where Do Butterflies Go When It Rains? Call 234-8535 x217 to schedule your party.

**Deluxe Party - \$75** (add'l child-\$5 each)  
 (program, cake, ice cream, tableware for 12, & banner)

**Standard Party - \$45** (add'l child-\$5 each)  
 (program only for 12)

**Stone Quarry Recreation Park**  
 also offers birthday parties.

For details and costs, please call 234-8900.

## Join Our Community of Volunteers

*Each person who gives of themselves,  
 gives to themselves.*

## Tuesday Morning Volunteer Group

Come join us for a time of visiting, refreshments, and fun indoor projects.

Where: Jarrett Prairie Center  
 7993 N. River Rd., Byron  
 When: Tuesdays, Year Round  
 Time: 8:30-11am  
 Cost: Free  
 Ages: All



## Wednesday Woodshop Group

Come join the area men for coffee, and a time to use your skills in carpentry and woodworking. New woodshop volunteers check in at the Jarrett Prairie Center before going to the Woodshop.

Where: Maintenance Woodshop  
 7993 N. River Rd., Byron  
 When: Wednesdays, Year Round  
 Time: 9-11am  
 Cost: Free



## Individual and Family

The Byron Forest Preserve has several volunteer opportunities for individuals and families interested in sharing their time for special events, programs of both educational and recreational orientation. These events and programs run throughout the year. For more information, call Linda at 234-8535 x200.

## Organized Groups

The Byron Forest Preserve has service and volunteer opportunities. We can arrange times and specific service areas for you and your group. These areas can be related to awards, badges, or just for the benefit of learning to serve your community and others. For more information, call Linda at 234-8535 x200.





# Byron Forest Preserve Presents... Free Outdoor Concerts

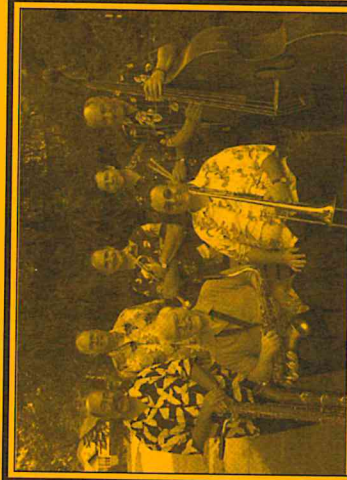


The Franklin Grove Boys  
June 11



Blackhawk Country  
June 25

Live  
Music!



The Little Big Band  
July 16

Sundays at 7 pm  
Heritage Farm Stage  
8059 North River Road, Byron



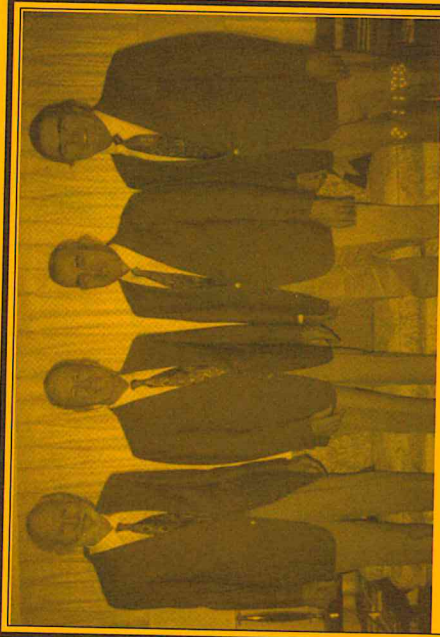
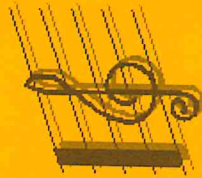
The Prairie Home  
Family Picnic and Gospel Concert  
Produced by Don Eubanks



Gospel & Bluegrass  
August 6 - 4-7pm

Ogle County Hospice  
Fundraiser

(a free will offering will be received)



Grandfather's Clock  
July 30

Jazz  
Country  
Gospel  
Bluegrass



Coon Creek String Band  
August 13

Arrive early, bring your lawn chairs and blankets. Pack a picnic. Spend an enjoyable Sunday evening in the shade with great entertainment. While you're waiting for the band to warm up, take a step back in time and tour the Heritage Farm Museum located near the stage.



## Bored?

"There's  
nothin'  
to do!"



*Have you ever said this? Then check this out...*

Teen Center • Skate Park • Pool Tables • Arcade • Air Hockey  
Dances • Mini-Putt • Batting Cages • Driving Range • Practice Green  
Golf Lessons • Teen Programs • Museums • Summer Jobs

*Guess where you can do all of this stuff...*

### Stone Quarry Recreation Park

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### PrairieView Golf Club

German Church Road, Byron • 234-4653 • [prairieviewgolf.com](http://prairieviewgolf.com)

### Jarrett Prairie Center

7993 N. River Road, Byron • 234-8535 • [byronforestpreserve.com](http://byronforestpreserve.com)





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Byron, IL 61010



## News Letter Spring 2006



### Board Established 2006 Goals:

The BCR Board of Director's spent several meetings in late 2005 in Strategic Planning Sessions to set our goals for 2006. During this process we reviewed the original goals that were set back in 1999, the goals that were established in 2004 and then worked to set seven realistic goals for this year. We feel that these goals, if accomplished, can help in moving the Byron Area forward in a positive manner. If you feel that there are some areas that you would like us to consider for additional future goals, please call us and let us know your ideas.

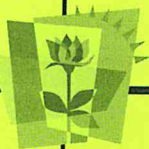
#### Goals:

1. Rt. 2 & 72 new local attractions directional signs.
2. Start Farmers/Crafters Market in Sunshine Park, summer 2006.
3. Continued support of Byron Teens and their ATAC Committee.
4. Marketing of tourism for Byron Community.
5. New entry signs for community (3).
6. Route 2 Beautification and Byron in Bloom theme.
7. Begin a BCR news letter distribution in Byron.

If any of these goals spark an interest, please call to volunteer, as we always need additional volunteer assistance.

Become a Partner in Byron's Future—Call Executive Director Ron Millard at 234-8709, ext. 242





## BCR Action Committee Teams:

BCR has the following existing action committees to help us in reaching our general mission of "Investing In Our Future". If you see a committee or area that interests you, please call to volunteer.

### Community Needs Committee:

- \* Adult & Teen Activities Committee
- \* Design Committee
- \* Playground/Recreation
- \* City Infrastructure
- \* Byron Bike Path Committee
- \* Library Re-location

### Tourism:

- \* Advertising in Regional Blackhawk Waterways Tourism Publication
- \* Up-dating local Restaurant Guide
- \* Other Tourism projects

### Organizational Development:

- \* Golf Outing Fundraiser
- \* Pot of Gold Fundraiser
- \* Membership and Volunteers

## ATAC

ATAC. What do these letters mean to you? It's certainly not the American Turkey Association Conference. This acronym stands for Adult and Teen Activities Committee. You may have heard about our small group of leaders last year when we conducted a survey asking what fast food restaurant citizens of our community, and surrounding communities, wanted to see in Byron.

Still not sounding familiar? Then perhaps you have taken advantage of the Stone Quarry Recreation Park which was envisioned by our former members nearly six years ago. Whether or not you have heard about this group of ambitious high school students, lead by Jim Cichock, Ron Millard, and Shonnah Flaharty, we are back on the scene and ready to start off the year with a new project. Our primary goal this time is not to get a fast food restaurant or recreation park in Byron, but to provide an activity that will give middle school and high school students more options for recreation. Stone Quarry Park has been of great use to a majority of middle school students, with successful high attendance dances, but not so much for the hundreds of high school students that drive all the way to Rockford every weekend on busy roads and in dangerous weather conditions just to give them "Something to do."

In response to the city of Byron's lack of "teen" recreational variety, the members of ATAC gathered during guided study hall to come up with a solution. We started brainstorming ideas about what kind of event would gather enough interest and familiarity among the high school and middle school students. We unanimously decided that a video game tournament would gather much interest and enable us to fulfill our goal. In light of the latest craze, we selected the game "Halo Two." The game has a reputation for excitement, difficulty, and extreme competitiveness as well as gaming skills that no rookie can counterfeit. The event was held on February 26<sup>th</sup> at Stone Quarry and was a success.

ATAC plans to offer more teen events in the near future. If you have an idea you wish to share, or are interested in ATAC, please contact Ron Millard.

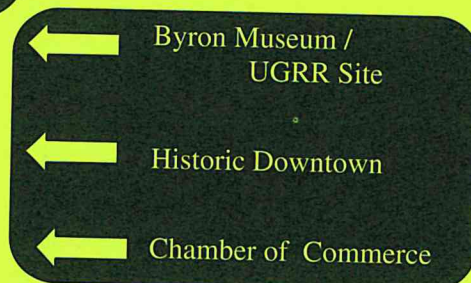
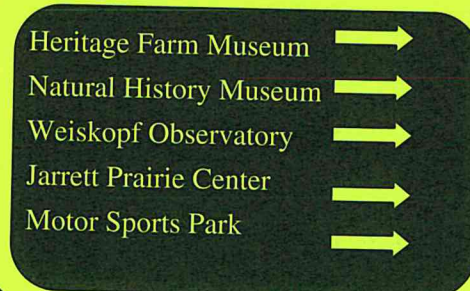
**Yes, you can do something positive for Byron call 234-8709. ext. 242**





## New Directional Signs:

BCR has been working with the City of Byron and the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) to have installed along Route 2 and Route 72 tourists directional signage during the past year. This had been identified as a need in our community previously by our tourism committee. We currently are in the final approval stages with IDOT and hope to have the signage installed by this summer. Some samples of the signs are shown here for your information.



### Annual Golf Playday

#### *Hosted by Prairie View Golf Club*

Best Ball Scramble followed by a Steak Dinner

When: Monday, May 15, 2006

Check in time & lunch: 11:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. - Shotgun Start @ 12:30 p.m.

Social Time & Cocktails at 5:00 p.m. - Rib Eye Steak Dinner at 6:00 p.m.



#### Registration:

Individual \$70.00

#### Circle One:

Foursome \$250.00

Steak Dinner Only \$20.00

Golfer's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Golfer's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Golfer's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Golfer's Name \_\_\_\_\_

For Office use only: Date Paid \_\_\_\_\_

Check # or Cash \_\_\_\_\_ Received by \_\_\_\_\_





## Byron Community Revitalization

PO Box 397  
232 West Second Street  
Byron, IL 61010

Phone: 815-234-8709 EXT 242  
Fax: 815-234-7753  
Email: RMillard@es-il.org

## VOLUNTEERS WANTED

BCR is looking for  
individuals or groups  
to serve on committees  
If interested call the  
BCR office at 234-8709  
ext.242

### Board of Directors:

Ed Clift - President  
Caryn Huber—Vice President  
Jim Cichock—Secretary  
Darlene King—Treasurer  
Dr. Bob Summers  
Loren Colloton  
Ernie Leombrunni  
Larry Rose  
Doug Floski  
Dr. Laurel Velte  
Gene G. Stoll  
Ron Millard—Executive Director

# Byron Community Revitalization Accomplishments 1999-2006

### Retail Energizers Team:

- \* Retail Market Research Study Conducted 2000
- \* Parking Survey Business District
- \* Snow Removal Research for Business District
- \* Farmers Market offered for two years
- \* Farmers Market offered again in 2006

### Planning Team:

- \* Completed Byron Comprehensive Plan
- \* Plan submitted to Byron City 2001
- \* Plan approved by City Council 2003

### Design Team:

- \* Completed installation of 5,000 brick pavers on 2nd Street
- \* Worked to have corner islands on 2nd Street included in project
- \* Raised over \$20,000 for landscaping the islands on 2nd Street
- \* Developed Byron Design Standards
- \* City Council approved Design Standards
- \* Designed tourism signs for Rt. 2 & 72 in 2005

### Tourism:

- \* Developed Holiday Cards program for B.J. Way Park
- \* Organized the first two Greater Byron Garage Sale Days
- \* Developed Tourism rack card for Byron
- \* Developed Tourism Ad Northwest Visitors Guide (circulation 80,000)
- \* Developed & distributed local Restaurant Guide

### Adult & Teen Action Team:

- \* Spearheaded the development of Stone Quarry Recreation Park
- \* Worked to help secure over \$345,000 in State Grants
- \* Assisted with Tiger Town Park in 2003 & 2004
- \* Conducted a fast food survey of Byron visitors in 2005

### Other Assisted Projects

- \* Assisted with development of Mayors Wall in City Hall

Be a part of determining Byron's Future!  
Do NOT sit on the sidelines and only be a spectator,  
volunteer and become involved!!



# Dances, Etc.

## Middle School Dances

ALL area middle school students are welcome to come dance the night away!

Where: Stone Quarry Park  
When: Dates listed below  
Time: 7 - 10 pm  
Cost: \$4 / person  
Ages: Middle School

May 12  
Summer Kickoff Dance

June 2  
Beach Jam  
Lots of beach fun for incoming 6th-9th grade students.

July 14  
Red, White, & Blue  
(wear red, white, and blue and get \$1 off admission)

August 4  
End of Summer Bash

August 25  
Back to School Kickoff

## Adult Co-Ed Sand Volleyball League

For those who want a night of fun with friends, get a team together and let's dig! This is a joint effort of the Byron Forest Preserve and the Oregon Park District. This "call your own" recreational league will not be officiated by referees. There will be a coaches meeting at Oregon Park District to determine schedule and locations.

Dates: Thursdays,  
June 8 - August 17  
Ages: 18 & older  
Time: 6:30 pm  
Min/Max: 3 / 15 teams  
Cost: \$75 / team  
Register by June 1.



## WANTED: Bands • Singers Performers

We are looking for excellent local talent. If you would be interested in performing at the Forest Preserve, call 234-8535 ext. 217 or at Stone Quarry, call 234-8900.

**Sponsor a Band** - This is a great investment opportunity for businesses. Sponsor a band and get free advertising. If you're interested, please call 234-8535 ext. 217

## Kids Night Out

Featuring fun games, activities, and crafts. Kids always go home with prizes! Extra money needed for concessions or arcade games.

Where: Stone Quarry Park  
When: Fridays  
May 19, June 16, & August 18  
Time: 6 - 7:30 pm  
Cost: \$3 / person  
Ages: K - 5  
Min/Max: 5 / 30  
Register by the Wednesday before the program.

## Stone Quarry Specials!!

### Ice Cream Fest

Half price ice cream cones every Wednesday this summer  
June 7 - August 16

### "Dog" Daze of Summer

Free hot dog when you buy a super size drink and french fries  
June 12-16 - 11am-3pm.

### Two for Tuesdays

Two for one admission to the skate park or mini-golf every Tuesday this summer.  
June 6 - August 15

### Skate Park Sessions Summer Special

\$3 per session or  
\$5 for an all-day pass  
**Session 1**  
Mon.-Sat. 11 am - 3:45 pm  
Sundays Noon - 3:15 pm  
**Session 2**  
Mon.-Sat. 4:15 - 9 pm  
Sundays 3:45 - 7 pm

## Matt Johnson Scholarship Fund

Financial Assistance Available  
for Forest Preserve Programs  
Call 234-8535 ext. 201!



# Trips

## Perch Fishing on Lake Erie

Join us on a trip to Lake Erie for some great perch fishing. We provide transportation, license, motel, charter boat, and bait.

Where: Meet at Jarrett Prairie Center  
 When: Friday, June 16 - Sunday, June 18  
 Time: Leave at 9 am on June 16  
 Return at 7 pm on June 18  
 Cost: \$180/person or \$350/couple  
 Ages: Adults and Teens w/adult supervision  
 Min/Max: 5 / 14  
**Register by noon on June 2.**

## Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum



We'll visit Illinois' newest jewel in Springfield.

Where: Meet at Jarrett Prairie Center  
 When: Saturday, May 13  
 Time: 10 am - 9 pm  
 Cost: \$25 / person  
 Ages: Adults / Families  
 Min/Max: 5 / 14  
**Register by noon on May 12.**

## Cedar Point

We are traveling to Sandusky, Ohio to visit the home of the world's tallest and fastest roller coasters.

Where: Meet at Jarrett Prairie Center  
 When: Friday, July 14 - Monday, July 17  
 Time: Leave at 8 am on July 14  
 Cost: \$400 / person or \$600 / couple  
 Cost includes transportation, hotel, and park entrance fees.  
 Ages: 10 and up (children under 18 must be accompanied by a parent/guardian)  
 Min/Max: 5 / 14  
**Register by noon on July 13.**



## Morel Hunts

We'll take you to a secret location in search of these delicacies.

Where: Meet at Jarrett Prairie Center  
 When: Sun., May 7; Wed., May 10; Fri, May 12  
 Time: 4 - 7 pm  
 Cost: \$5 / person  
 Ages: 6 and up (Wednesday is adults only)  
 Min/Max: 5 / 14  
**Register by noon on May 5, May 9, and May 11.**

## Annual Wildflower Pilgrimage at Starved Rock

Lots of activities are planned including a ride on the Belle of the Rock. Of course, we'll also search for nature's beauties.

Where: Meet at Jarrett Prairie Center  
 When: Saturday, May 6  
 Time: 10 am - 4 pm  
 Cost: \$25 / person  
 Ages: Adults  
 Min/Max: 5 / 14  
**Register by noon on May 5.**



## Yerkes Observatory

Join us as we head to Wisconsin to see the largest refractor telescope.

Where: Meet at Weiskopf Observatory  
 When: Saturday, June 3  
 Time: 10 am - 3:30 pm  
 Cost: \$10 / person  
 Ages: Adults  
 Min/Max: 5 / 14  
**Register by noon on June 2.**

## Rocky Mountain National Park



We will travel by van to Colorado for a five-night stay at Rocky Mountain National Park. The group will tent camp at several campgrounds throughout the park, day hike some of the park's scenic trails, and enjoy the majestic mountain scenery and abundant wildlife the park offers. Hiking will

be moderate to difficult (customized to the participants' desires). Tents and most meals will be provided. For more info, please call Russell Brunner at 234-8535 ext. 219

Where: Meet at Jarrett Prairie Center  
 When: July 15 - July 22  
 Time: Leave early morning July 15  
 Return late July 21 or early morning July 22  
 Cost: \$425 / person  
 Ages: Adults and Teens w/adult supervision  
 Min/Max: 4 / 6  
**Register by July 7.**



# Boundary Waters Trips

## Canoeing • Fishing • Hiking • Camping

Learn how to portage (carry) your gear and canoe over rugged yet beautiful terrain from lake to lake. Sleep under the stars and sit around an evening campfire. Not to mention the fishing - walleye, small mouth bass, and northern are always one cast away.

This trip is of a moderate experience level. There will be hiking between lakes, carrying canoes, setting up tents, and waters to navigate. Please keep this in mind when arriving at your decision to participate. All times and dates are subject to change.

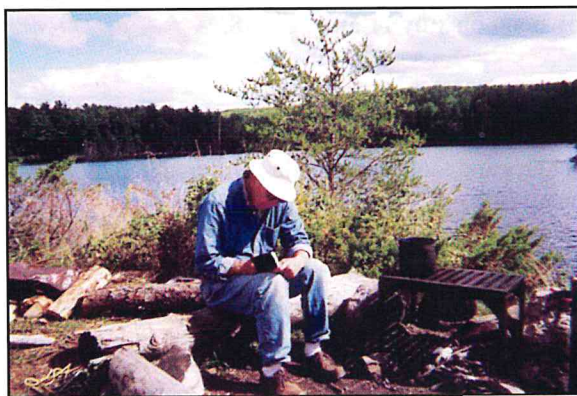
For more information, call Russell Brunner or Todd Tucker at 234-8535.

**Where:** Meet at Steward Building  
(Maintenance Area), 7993 N. River Rd., Byron

**When:** (2 trips)  
Tuesday, May 30 thru Monday, June 5  
Wednesday, August 9 thru Tuesday, August 15

**Cost:** \$400 / person  
\$100 due at registration  
\$300 balance due one week before departure date. Cost includes transportation to and from the boundary waters, canoe, paddles, packs, map, food at boundary waters, tent, experienced guide, and permits.

### Experience...



*nature's peace and beauty...*



*good fishing...*

### Registration and payments:

**May trip:** May 11 - \$100 due  
May 18 - \$300 balance due

**August trip:** July 27 - \$100 due  
August 3 - \$300 balance due

**Min/Max:** 4 / 8

**Guides:** Todd Tucker, Russell Brunner, and Wes Vilmin

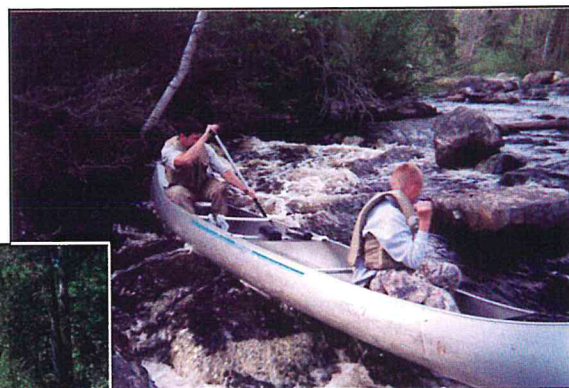
### Itinerary:

May 23 & August 2  
*Required pre-trip meeting at 7 pm at the Jarrett Prairie Center.*

May 30 & August 9  
*Leave Byron Forest Preserve District at 7 am. Arrive at Boundary Waters late evening.*

May 31 & August 10  
*Canoes in water by 9 am.*

June 5 & August 15  
*Canoes out of water, return trip home. Arrive at Forest Preserve late evening.*



*and excitement and adventure.*



# Outdoor Adventure

## Wildflower Walkabout

Take an easy hike with an experienced guide. Learn the annual flowers that beautify the prairie.

Where: Jarrett Prairie Center  
When: Wednesday, June 7  
Time: 6 pm  
Cost: Free  
Ages: Adults  
Min/Max: 5 / none

**Register by noon on June 6.**



## Catch and Release Fishing

We'll take you to a private pond for some great fishing. Bring your own equipment. Bait will be provided.

Where: Meet at Jarrett Prairie Center  
When: Sundays, June 4 and August 6  
Time: 1 - 4 pm  
Cost: \$6 / person  
Ages: All  
Min/Max: 5 / 14

**Register by noon on June 2 and August 4.**

## Ogle County Bird Count

Where: Meet at Jarrett Prairie Center  
When: Saturday, May 20  
Time: 8 am - ?  
Cost: FREE  
Ages: 6 and up  
Min/Max: 5 / none

**Register by noon on May 19.**

## Hunter Safety

This class is for young hunters and those who travel out of state to go hunting.

Where: Jarrett Prairie Center  
When: Monday, Wednesday, & Friday  
August 14, 16, & 18  
Time: Mon & Wed - 6-9pm and Fri - 6-10pm  
Cost: FREE  
Ages: No age limit. Must pass a written test.  
Min/Max: 20 / 80

**Register by noon on August 12.**

## Butterfly Count

Where: Meet at Jarrett Prairie Center  
When: Saturday, July 8  
Time: 9-11 am  
Cost: FREE  
Ages: 6 and up  
Min/Max: 5 / none

**Register by noon on July 7.**



## Night Hike

See what life comes out at night in the prairie and woodlands.

Where: Meet at Jarrett Prairie Center  
When: Thursday, June 8  
Time: 8 pm  
Cost: \$2 / person  
Ages: All  
Min/Max: 5 / none

**Register by noon on June 7.**



## Evening Campfire

Learn how to have fun in the sunset with stories, games, and marshmallows.

Where: Meet at Jarrett Prairie Center  
When: Fridays, June 2 and August 4  
Time: 5 - 7 pm  
Cost: \$2 / person  
Ages: All  
Min/Max: 5 / none

**Register by noon on June 2 and August 4.**

## Raspberry and Blackberry Pickin'

All you can pick! Bring your buckets and band aids as we scour the brush for these delicious treats.

Where: Meet at Jarrett Prairie Center  
When: Wednesday, July 12 and July 19  
Time: 6 - 9 pm  
Cost: \$3 / family  
Ages: 6 and up  
Min/Max: 0 / 50

**Register by noon on July 11 and July 18.**



## Beekeeping Workshops

Learn techniques and tools of the trade. Different topics will be covered each month.

Where: Jarrett Prairie Center  
When: Sundays, dates and topics listed below  
Time: 2-4pm  
Cost: \$2/person  
Ages: All  
Min/Max: 5 / 30

**May 14\*** - Knowing when to put on supers and swarm prevention.

**June 11\*** - Honey extraction how-to's.

**July 9** - Marketing strategies and health department updates.

**August 13\*** - Checking for mites and overall health of bee colonies.

\*Outdoor workshops, weather permitting. Bring your bee suits!



# Outdoor Adventure

## Canoeing the Rock

All equipment is provided for this fun program!

Where: River Parking Lot across from Heritage Farm  
 When: Saturdays, June 24, July 29, & August 26  
 Time: 6 - 9 pm in June & July  
 7 - 10 am in August

Cost: \$25 per canoe  
 Ages: All (min. one adult per canoe)  
 Min/Max: 2 / 6 canoes

Register by noon on June 23, July 28, and August 25.



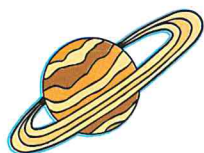
## Wet Wednesday Canoeing

Where: River Parking Lot across from Heritage Farm  
 When: Wednesdays, June 21, July 26, and August 23  
 Time: 6 - 9 pm  
 Cost: \$25 / canoe  
 Ages: All (min. one adult per canoe)  
 Min/Max: 2 / 6 canoes

Register by noon on June 20, July 25, and August 22.

## Astronomy Day

Observe the sun and make an astro craft on this national day of celebration.



Where: Weiskopf Observatory  
 When: Saturday, May 6  
 Time: 5 - 7 pm  
 Cost: FREE  
 Ages: All  
 Min/Max: 5 / open

Register by noon on May 5.

## Meteor Shower Campout

We'll count the Perseid Meteors as they fall through the night sky.

Where: Weiskopf Observatory  
 When: Friday, August 11  
 Time: 5 pm - 10 am  
 Cost: \$40 tent rental  
 \$15 if you bring your own  
 Cost includes hot dogs, smores, etc.

Ages: All  
 Min/Max: 2 tents / open

Register by noon on August 10.



## Girl Scouts On The Go Day Camp

We are one of only five agencies sponsoring a **Girl Scouts Only** day camp. Bring a sack lunch and drink.

Where: South Shelter near Jarrett Prairie Center  
 When: Mon-Fri, July 24-28  
 Time: 9 am - 4 pm  
 Cost: \$95 / week / girl scout  
 Ages: 7 - 12  
 Min/Max: 15 / 30

Register by noon on July 10.

## Wilderness Survival For Kids

Participants will learn the basics of outdoor survival, including how to find and build shelter, where to find water and how to purify it, how to start a fire, and how to find food. We will also discuss what to take on a camping trip and what to do if lost or hurt. All of these lessons will be hands-on, and each participant will build a "survival kit" to take home. Dress for the weather.

Where: Jarrett Prairie Center  
 When: Saturday, May 13  
 Time: 11 am - 2 pm  
 Cost: \$10 / person (cost includes lunch)  
 Ages: 10 - 15  
 Min/Max: 5 / 20

Register by noon on May 10.



## All About Bones

We will look at skulls, bones, and teeth from mammals, birds, and reptiles and learn about how they are different and how they are similar.

Where: Jarrett Prairie Center  
 When: Saturday, June 3  
 Time: 11 am - Noon  
 Cost: FREE  
 Ages: 7 - 12  
 Min/Max: 5 / 25

Register by noon on May 31.

## Walking for Fitness - Exercise Program

We will meet twice a week and spend an hour walking the various trails at the Forest Preserve. We're focusing on getting moving but we'll pause for flowers and wildlife.

Where: Meet at Jarrett Prairie Center  
 When: Tuesdays & Thursdays in May  
 Time: 5 - 6 pm  
 Cost: \$15 / month  
 Ages: Adults  
 Min/Max: 5 / 30

Register by noon on Mondays and Wednesdays in May.





# Preschool Programs

## Mom's Day Out

Preschool parents can enjoy a couple hours to themselves on Fridays. This recreational day involves crafts, stories, and outdoor adventure for 2-5 year olds.

Where: Jarrett Prairie Center  
 When: Fridays  
 May-June, August  
 Time: 9-11:30am or 1-3:30pm  
 Cost: \$33 / month  
 Ages: 2-5 years old  
 Min/Max: 5 / 14

**Register by noon on May 4,  
 June 1, and August 3.**

## Matt Johnson Scholarship Fund

### Financial Assistance Available

*Would your child like to go to  
 summer camp?*

*Or, would he or she like to  
 participate in the junior golf  
 program?*

*Or, how about a skate park pass for  
 the summer?*

If your child would like to participate in a Forest Preserve program and he or she is eligible for the free lunch program at school, please call Ed Clift at 234-8535 ext. 201.

### Did you know...?

*As of June 2002, according to the US  
 Bureau of the Census, the resident  
 population of the United States is  
 287,145,427 and growing!*

## Preschool

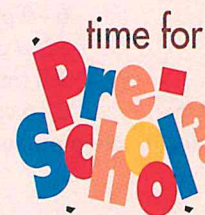
Get your kids ready for kindergarten by enrolling them in our structured preschool classes. Beginning in Fall 2006, the Byron Forest Preserve's Preschool will offer a three-day per week class. The Tuesday/Thursday classes will be geared towards 3-year-olds and younger 4-year-olds. The Monday/Wednesday/Friday classes will be geared towards older 4-year-olds and younger 5-year-olds. Children must be 4 years old by September 1, 2006, to attend the three-day class. You may register your child at anytime throughout the year if your child's birthday is later in the year.

Please call 815-234-8535 ext. 200 for more information.

Where: Jarrett Prairie Center  
 When: Mon/Wed/Fri or Tues/Thurs  
 Time: 9-11:30am or 1-3:30 pm  
 Cost: \$80/month-Mon/Wed/Fri  
 \$65/month-Tues/Thurs

Ages: 3-5 years  
 Min/Max: 6 / 20

**Registration ongoing.**



## My Time

### Program for Children with Special Needs

My Time is a new program for children with special needs. The program was designed by Angela Hodges, Child Development Specialist. As a parent of a special needs child, Carla Capasso-Berg realized there were no programs in Ogle County designed to help us communicate with our children. At 18 months old, her son signs over 20 words! Many parents do not have resources to teach their children sign language. Those who have resources, can't find other children who speak sign so the children often have no playmates.

My Time is geared towards ages 0-5 years old. The program will offer activities created by a developmental therapist. We will use sign language throughout the class time. Children will see this as a chance to get out of their often very limited lives and have fun. Parents will see this as a chance to improve their communication with their children. This allows the children to be in an environment all of their own with other children in the same situation.

Children need their parents to be active in their care. With your help, My Time can change the lives of many children.

My Time will be held every other Saturday at the Jarrett Prairie Center beginning April 29, 2006, from 2-3:30 pm.

Those who are enrolled prior to June 10th will receive free CPR training and certification from Laura Padron, Registered Nurse.

Please contact Carla Capasso-Berg at 970-2852 if you're interested in participating in this wonderful program.



## Classes & Clubs

### Health Awareness Classes Offered

The Byron Forest Preserve is hosting a series of free health awareness classes at the Jarrett Prairie Center. The following classes will begin at 10:30 am. The classes will be presented by an American Cancer Society representative:

*How to Deal with Stress*  
Wednesday  
May 24



*Healthy Eating*  
Wednesday, August 23



*Great American  
Smokeout*  
Wednesday  
November 15

If you are interested in attending any of these classes, please call 234-8535 ext. 200.

### Mad Science

Mad Science of Rockford/Boone County offers hands-on fun science. Their mission is to spark the imagination of children ages 3-12 years old with birthday parties, camps, assemblies, workshops, after-school programs and much more!

Their trained Mad Scientist will travel to entertain and educate children. Their goal is to inspire children to want to learn more. They want to make their students MAD about SCIENCE!

Classes will be offered this summer at the Jarrett Prairie Center. If you would like to register or for more information, please call 815-332-8404 or visit their website at [www.madsciencerockford.com](http://www.madsciencerockford.com).

### Nine Simple Steps

Join us on June 22-23 for a look at children's health and nutrition. Learn how to change the current unhealthy trends among children. Instructed by Deborah Lee, Doctor of Nutrition, The cost is \$2. Please call Julie at 234-2003 to register.

### Attention Real Estate Agents

River Valley Real Estate Academy will be offering a Broker Class at the Jarrett Prairie Center. This class is 75 hours of course work that covers broker administration, contracts and conveyances, appraisals, sales and brokerage, and Advance Principles 2000.



If you are interested in this program, please contact Joe Wilkinson at 298-4826. Sales person courses are also available.

## Join The Club...Byron Area Seniors



The Byron Area Seniors is a group of area seniors citizens (age 55 & up) who meet a couple of times per month for fun and fellowship. The membership fee is only \$10.

The following events are scheduled for this summer:

May 8 - Mother's Day Lunch at LOMC

May 18 - Breakfast at Sunrise Restaurant

June 12 - Potluck at Jarrett Prairie Center

June 13 - Isle of Capri Casino

June 15 - Breakfast at Sunrise Restaurant

July 10 - Annual Picnic at PrairieView Golf Pavilion

July 13 - Breakfast at Sunrise Restaurant

August 9 - Circa 21 Dinner Playhouse in Rock Island

August 17 - Breakfast at Sunrise Restaurant

If you would like to join this group or would like more information, please call Kit Reif at 234-5606.



# Stone Quarry Recreation Park

## Stone Quarry Hours

(Park may close early due to weather related conditions or low attendance)

Spring Hours Through April 30

Monday - 4-7pm

Saturday - 11am-7pm

Sunday - Noon-5pm



Spring Hours (May 1 - June 2)

Monday, Wednesday, Friday - 4-7pm

Saturday - 11am-7pm

Sunday - Noon-5pm

Summer Hours (June 3 - August 20)

Monday - Saturday - 11am - 9pm

Sunday - Noon - 7 pm

July 4th - 11am-6pm

School Year Hours (August 21 - September 30)

Monday, Wednesday, Friday - 4-7pm

Saturday - 11am-7pm

Sunday - Noon-5pm

Park will be closed for private park rentals on the following dates:

Saturday, May 20 at 3pm

Friday, June 2 at 6:30pm

Saturday, June 10 all day



If you would like more information on how to have exclusive use of the park for your next gathering, please call 234-8900.

Visit us at  
6845 German Church Rd, Byron  
[www.stonequarrypark.com](http://www.stonequarrypark.com)

*Looking for that perfect  
graduation  
or birthday gift?*

*Look no further...*

**S.Q. Skate Park**

Season Passes

Only \$100, that's less than  
\$2 per week for  
unlimited skate park use  
for the entire year.

**PrairieView Golf Club**

Season Passes

**Jarrett Prairie Center**

Gift Shop

Check out our selection of  
books, totes, hats, and  
much more!

## Perfect Picnics

We have two picnic shelters available with electricity. You can reserve a picnic shelter at Stone Quarry for only \$25. There's plenty of room for family picnics, day camps, church youth groups, scout & brownie troops, and much more! Picnic shelters are also available near the Jarrett Prairie Center.

## Program Idea?

Do you have a good idea for a program that you would like Stone Quarry Recreation Park to host? Call Shonnah at 234-8900.



*Itsy Bits...*

*The greatest natural resource  
that any country can have  
is its children.*

*- Danny Kaye*



# Arts & Crafts

## Scrapbooking - Creative Memories

Creative Memories scrapbooking classes are held on the following dates at the Jarrett Prairie Center by Cindy Adams and Vicki Miller. If you're interested in signing up for one of their classes, please call Cindy at 234-7505.

Friday, May 5 - 9am-4pm - \$5 (bring a sack lunch)

4-11pm - \$12 includes dinner

Friday, June 2 - 4-11pm - \$12 includes dinner

Friday, June 30 - 4-11pm - \$12 includes dinner

Saturday, July 29 - 2-11pm - \$15 includes dinner

Saturday, August 26 - 2-11pm - \$15 includes dinner

## Visiting Artist - David Olsen

Mr. Olsen will display his incredible wildlife photography collection. A reception will be held on June 23, 6-8pm.

Where: Jarrett Prairie Center

When: June 5 - June 30

Time: Open Hours at JPC

Cost: FREE

Ages: All



## Beginning Watercolor Painting For Adults

We will learn about different types of paper, brushes, and paints. We'll also explore various techniques and learn some tips about composition, design, and color. Materials will be provided.

Where: Jarrett Prairie Center

When: Saturday, May 20

Time: Noon - 3 pm

Cost: \$10 / person

Ages: 8 - 14

Min/Max: 5 / 20

Register by Noon on May 17.

## Knitting: Felted Tote Bag

Relax, knit, and talk with friends while knitting your own tote bag. Includes kit with wool and felt materials, circular knitting needles, two double pointed needles, and a tapestry needle. Students must have knowledge of knit and pearl stitch.

Where: Jarrett Prairie Center

When: Tuesdays, June 6, 13, 27

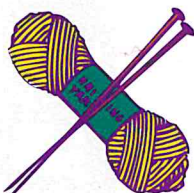
Time: 6 - 8 pm

Cost: \$61 / person

Ages: Adults

Min/Max: 5 / 20

Register by Noon on May 19.



## Attention Scouts!

With these workshops, you'll earn your requirements for your badges. Scouts and Brownies of all ages are welcome. Min. 5 / Max. 25

### Jr. Girl Scout Badge - Wildlife

When: Wednesday, May 10

Time: 4 - 5:30 pm

Cost: \$4 / scout

Register by May 8.

### Jr. Girl Scout Badge - Sky Search

When: Thursday, May 25

Time: 7 - 8:30 pm

Cost: \$4 / scout

Register by May 22.

### Jr. Girl Scout Badges (2) -

Earth Connections & Rocks Rock!

When: Saturday, August 26

Time: Noon - 4 pm

Cost: \$8 / scout

Register by August 23.

### Brownie Try-Its (2) - Eco Explorer and

Water Everywhere (includes all materials & badges)

When: Saturday, June 3

Time: 1 - 4 pm

Cost: \$8 / brownie

Register by May 31

### Boy Scout Badge - Astronomy

(10 year-old minimum)

When: Tuesday, August 15

Time: 6 - 9 pm

Cost: \$5 / scout

Register by noon August 14

### Webelo Badge - Forester

When: Tuesday, July 11

Time: 6 - 8 pm

Cost: \$5 / webelo

Register by noon on July 10.

### Webelo Badge - Naturalist

When: Tuesday, June 13

Time: 6 - 8 pm

Cost: \$5 / webelo

Register by noon on June 12.

Girl Scouts  
Summer Day Camp  
See Page 17!





## Facilities

### Jarrett Prairie Center

Habitat exhibits, dioramas, audio interpretation, and view of the prairie. Wetland, woodlands, and prairie environments are displayed pre-European settlement. You may also get a souvenir in our gift shop.

Where: 7993 N. River Rd., Byron

When: Open Every Day

Cost: Free

Time: Mon, Wed, Fri - 8am-4:30pm

Tues & Thurs - 8am-8pm

Sat-9am-4pm & Sun-1-4pm



### Weiskopf Observatory

View the stars and planets through our 11" Celestron telescope. Experienced staff will guide you through the skies. Call for viewing conditions at 234-8535, ext. 216. Closed if cloudy.

Where: 7993 N. River Rd., Byron

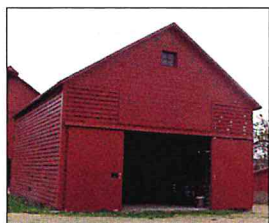
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When: Tuesdays & Saturdays

Cost: Free

### Heritage Farm Museum

Enjoy a guided tour of this 1800s farm and museum with audio interpretation. Includes a grout house, corn crib, wind mill, and more. Open April 1-October 31, Mon-Fri-8am-4:30pm, Sat-10am-4pm, & Sun-2-6pm. Self-guided tours are free. A small fee may be charged for guided tours. Closed on holidays. Call 234-8535 ext. 217 for more information.



### Recycling Station

The Byron Forest Preserve District has a mission to provide for preservation of natural resources, to provide education about natural and cultural heritage, and to provide recreation. The District developed a recycling station and is educating hundreds of students on recycling through the International Earthkeepers program. Materials from the recycling station are collected and sorted twice per month, producing up to three tons of recyclable material like cardboard, glass, newspaper, plastic, and metals. The cost of hauling is covered through a cooperative agreement with the Ogle County Solid Waste Management Department.

The station accepts glass, aluminum, plastic #1-5 & #7, tin, steel, mixed paper, cardboard, and newspaper. The bin is located in the maintenance parking lot at 7993 N. River Rd. in Byron. The station is open during daylight hours seven days per week. Please recycle responsibly by leaving the area cleaner than when you arrived.

### Banquet Facilities

The Jarrett Prairie Center, PrairieView Golf Course, and Stone Quarry Recreation Park have banquet facilities available at very reasonable rates, bar service is also available at the Jarrett Prairie Center and PrairieView Golf Course. Large and small groups welcome.

Picnic shelters are located near the Jarrett Prairie Center and at Stone Quarry Recreation Park. The shelters are equipped with restrooms, electricity, water, and grills. The North Shelter has a playground and the South Shelter has a fireplace. Call 234-8535 x200 to schedule your next outing with us.





# Calendar of Events

## June

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July 1

Boundary Waters Trip - \$400/person - JPC

Creative Memories - \$12/person - 4-11pm - JPC

Beach Jam - 6-8th grade - \$4/person - 7-10pm - SQ

Evening Campfire - \$2/person - 5-7pm - JPC

Mom's Day Out - Ages 2-5 - \$9/day or \$33/month - 9-11:30am or 1-3:30pm - JPC

Yerkes Observatory Trip - Adults - \$10/person - 10am-3:30pm - JPC

All About Bones - Ages 7-12 - FREE - 11am-Noon - JPC

Brownie Try-It (Eco Explorer & Water Everywhere) - \$8/brownie - 1-4pm - JPC

Public Skyviewing - Free - Dark-three hours after dark - WO

Air Soft - Middle & High School Age - \$3/person/session - 1-3pm & 4-6pm - SQ

Catch & Release Fishing - \$6/person - 1-4pm - JPC

Visiting Artist - David Olsen - Reception June 23 - 6-8pm - JPC

Two For Tuesdays - BOGO Admission on Tuesdays thru August 15 - SQ

Tuesday Morning Volunteers - 8:30-11:30 am - JPC

Knitting: Felted Tote Bag - Adults - \$61/person - 6-8pm - JPC

Wildflower Walkabout - Adults - FREE - 6pm - JPC

Ice Cream Fest - 1/2 price ice cream cones on Wednesdays thru August 16 - SQ

Wednesday Morning Volunteers - 9-11 am - Maintenance Woodshop

Adult Sand Volleyball League Begins - 18 & older - \$75/team - SQ

Night Hike - \$2/person - 8pm - JPC

Beekeeping Workshop - \$2/person - 2-4pm - JPC

Summer Outdoor Concert (Franklin Grove Boys) - FREE - 7pm - HF

Summer Camp and Adventure Club Begins

Byron Area Seniors Potluck at JPC - Call Kit at 234-5606.

Free hot dog with purchase of fries and drink - 11am-3pm - SQ

Byron Area Seniors Trip to Isle of Capri Casino - Call Kit at 234-5606.

Webelo Badge Workshop (Naturalist) - \$5/webelo - 6-8pm - JPC

IJGA Junior Open Golf Tournament - Call 234-GOLF for more info.

Byron Area Seniors Breakfast at Sunrise - Call Kit at 234-5606.

Kid's Night Out - K-5th Grade - \$3/person - 6-7:30pm - SQ

Matt Johnson Scholarship Fundraiser Mini-Golf Event - \$15/person - 5-8pm - SQ

Perch Fishing on Lake Erie - Adults - \$150/person & \$350/couple - JPC

Father's Day at the Park - FREE for dads - Noon-7pm - SQ

Wet Wednesday Canoeing - \$25/canoe - 6-9pm - HF

Nine Simple Steps - Children's Nutrition - Call 1-217-228-2404 to register.

Kids Garage Sale - K-8th Grade - \$2/table - 1-4pm - SQ

Canoeing the Rock - \$25/canoe - 6-9pm - HF

Summer Outdoor Concert (Blackhawk Country) - FREE - 7pm - HF

Creative Memories - \$12/person - 4-11pm - JPC

Firecracker Overnighter - 4-8th Grade - \$15/person - 8pm-7am - SQ





# Calendar of Events

## July

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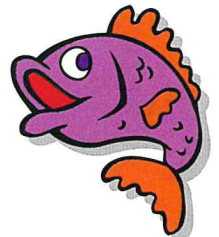
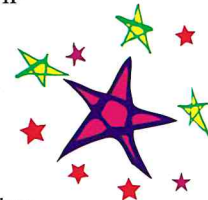
Public Skyviewing - Free - Dark-three hours after dark - WO  
Air Soft - Middle & High School Age - \$3/person/session - 1-3pm & 4-6pm - SQ  
Summer Camp and Adventure Club ongoing into August  
Two For Tuesdays - BOGO Admission on Tuesdays thru August 15 - SQ  
Tuesday Morning Volunteers - 8:30-11:30 am - JPC  
Illinois PGA Pro Junior Golf Tournament- Call 234-GOLF for more info.  
Ice Cream Fest - 1/2 price ice cream cones on Wednesdays - SQ  
Wednesday Morning Volunteers - 9-11 am - Maintenance Woodshop  
ByronFest Weekend Special - BOGO Admission - 11am-7pm - SQ  
Butterfly Count - Ages 6 and up - FREE - 9-11am - JPC  
Beekeeping Workshop - \$2/person - 2-4pm - JPC  
Byron Area Seniors Annual Picnic at PrairieView G. C. - Call Kit at 234-5606.  
Webelo Badge Workshop (Forester) - \$5/webelo - 6-8pm - JPC  
Raspberry & Blackberry Pickin' - \$3/family - 6-9pm - JPC  
Byron Area Seniors Breakfast at Sunrise - Call Kit at 234-5606.  
Red, White, & Blue Dance - 6-8th grade - \$4/person - 7-10pm - SQ  
Cedar Point Trip - Ages 10 and up - \$400/person or \$600/couple - JPC  
Rocky Mountain National Park Trip - Teens & Adults - \$425/person - JPC  
Summer Outdoor Concert (The Little Big Band) - FREE - 7pm - HF  
Skate Competition - K-12th Grade - \$5/person - 3pm - SQ  
Parent/Junior Golf Tournament - Call 234-GOLF for info.  
Girl Scouts on the Go Day Camp - Ages 7-12 - \$95/scout/week - 9am-4pm - JPC  
Wet Wednesday Canoeing - \$25/canoe - 6-9pm - HF  
Canoeing the Rock - \$25/canoe - 6-9pm - HF  
Creative Memories - \$15/person - 2-11pm - JPC  
Summer Outdoor Concert (Grandfather's Clock) - FREE - 7pm - HF



## August

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Public Skyviewing - Free - Dark-three hours after dark - WO  
Two For Tuesdays - BOGO Admission on Tuesdays - SQ  
Tuesday Morning Volunteers - 8:30-11:30 am - JPC  
Ice Cream Fest - 1/2 price ice cream cones on Wednesdays - SQ  
Wednesday Morning Volunteers - 9-11 am - Maintenance Woodshop  
End of Summer Bash - 6-8th grade - \$4/person - 7-10pm - SQ  
Evening Campfire - \$2/person - 5-7pm - JPC  
Mom's Day Out - Ages 2-5 - \$9/day or \$33/month - 9-11:30am or 1-3:30pm - JPC  
Air Soft - Middle & High School Age - \$3/person/session - 1-3pm & 4-6pm - SQ  
Catch & Release Fishing - \$6/person - 1-4pm - JPC  
Summer Outdoor Concert (Gospel & Bluegrass) - FREE - 7pm - HF  
Jr. Club Champ./Ogle County Jr. Golf Tournament- Call 234-GOLF for more info.  
Byron Area Seniors Trip to Circa 21 Dinner Playhouse in Rock Island - Call Kit at 234-5606.  
Boundary Waters Trip - \$400/person - JPC  
Meteor Shower Campout - \$40/tent rental - \$15/bring your own - 5pm-10am - WO  
Stewart Cup Matches Golf Tournament- Call 234-GOLF for more info.  
Beekeeping Workshop - \$2/person - 2-4pm - JPC  
Summer Outdoor Concert (Coon Creek String Band) - FREE - 7pm - HF  
Hunter Safety - FREE - 6-9pm/M&W - 6-10pm/F - JPC  
Boy Scout Badge Workshop (Astronomy) - Age 10 min. - \$5/scout - 6-9pm - JPC  
Byron Area Seniors Breakfast at Sunrise - Call Kit at 234-5606.  
Kid's Night Out - K-5th Grade - \$3/person - 6-7:30pm - SQ  
Healthy Eating - FREE - 10:30am - JPC  
Wet Wednesday Canoeing - \$25/canoe - 6-9pm - HF  
Back to School Kickoff Dance - 6-8th grade - \$4/person - 7-10pm - SQ  
Jr. Girl Scout Badge Workshop (Earth Connections & Rocks Rock!) - \$8/scout - Noon-4pm - JPC  
Canoeing the Rock - \$25/canoe - 7-10am - HF  
Creative Memories - \$15/person - 2-11pm - JPC





## Junior Tournaments

IJGA Junior Open	June 15
Illinois PGA Pro Jr.	July 5
Parent/Junior	July 23
Jr. Club Champ./ Ogle County Jr.	August 7
Stewart Cup Matches	August 13

In addition to the junior tournaments held at PrairieView, the junior golf program will provide transportation to the following regional junior tournaments. The dates for these away tournaments have not yet been posted.

Doug Martz Memorial  
Indian Oaks Country Club, Shabbona

Rock River Invitational  
Rock Falls Country Club, Rock Falls

The Journal Standard  
Park Hills Golf Course, Freeport

Dixon Invitational  
Dixon Country Club

Wolf Hollow Classic  
Lena Golf Club, Lena

Emerald Hill Junior  
Emerald Hills, Sterling

Shady Oaks Open  
Shady Oaks Country Club, Amboy

Rockford Pro Am  
Forest Hills Country Club, Rockford

**Matt Johnson Scholarship Fund**  
Financial Assistance Available  
Call 234-8535 ext. 201!

## Junior Golf Fundraiser

The 11th Annual Junior Golf Fundraiser Tournament has been scheduled for Saturday, June 17. Once again, 100% of the money raised for this event will help support costs associated with our junior golf program and scholarship fund.

PrairieView Golf Club and the Byron Forest Preserve will continue to issue college scholarships for Byron High School seniors who have participated in the junior golf program and who support the junior golf fundraiser tournament.

The cost of the tournament is \$65 per person (\$50 for PrairieView season pass holders). The entry fee includes lunch, prizes, entry into cash contests, and two free rounds of golf at PrairieView.

Help support PrairieView's Junior Golf Program and make sure you mark June 17th on your calendars!

## Junior Development Lessons & Parent/Child Lessons

Junior development lessons are designed to teach juniors the basic skills they will need to enjoy the game of golf. Lessons will be in a group format. The teacher to student ratio will be small in order to maximize one on one instruction. Lessons will begin in mid-May and run throughout the summer. The junior developmental lessons will be a series of six lessons for children ages 5-16. Classes are separated by age.

In addition to junior group lessons, PrairieView will once again offer parent/child lessons. The popular parent/child lessons are designed to give parents and children a chance to take lessons together in a group format. For a complete list of class times and costs for all junior and parent/child lessons, please stop by the PrairieView Golf Pro Shop or call 234-GOLF.

## Junior Developmental League

The Junior Developmental League is designed to give juniors a chance to play golf with adult supervision. Both the professional golf staff at PrairieView and adult volunteers will help monitor play. Junior golfers aged 5-16 with some previous golfing experience are encouraged to join. The league is scheduled for Tuesday mornings, will run the entire summer and begins June 6. The cost of the league is \$30 for children with season passes and \$50 for children without season passes. We do encourage parents to attend and volunteer. Registration forms are available at the PrairieView Golf Pro Shop.



# PrairieView Golf Club

## Adult Golf Lessons

Both group and individual golf lessons at PrairieView begin Mid-April and continue through October.

Individual lessons can be scheduled at any time by calling the PrairieView clubhouse at 234-4653.

Group golf lessons will be available for both beginning and intermediate golfers and will begin towards the end of April.

Class size is limited to encourage a better student to teacher ratio. There are a variety of classes and lesson packages to choose from to fit the needs of all golfers.

If you would like more details on lesson programs or would like to schedule a lesson, stop by the clubhouse or call 234-4653.

## Advertising Opportunity

Advertise your business on a tee sign at PrairieView Golf Club. A few signs are still available. Contact PrairieView PGA Pro Steve Murray for more information, 234-4653.

## Play Golf America

### *Continuing to Grow the Game*

PrairieView recently became part of Play Golf America. PGA is an effective player development solution for all golfers. Check out their website for more information, [www.playgolfamerica.com](http://www.playgolfamerica.com).

*Source: PGA Magazine, Feb. 2006*

## Leagues • Leagues • Leagues

### Senior Mens League

When: Wednesday Mornings  
Time: 8 am (9am in spring & fall)  
Begins: April 26  
Cost: \$10 for the required 9-hole handicap  
\$1 or \$2 per week for weekly game  
Format: Individual play (some weeks will include team play, various games)

### Wednesday Mens League

When: Wednesday Evenings  
Time: 5:30 pm  
Begins: Mid-May  
Cost: \$60 per person (includes 9-hole handicap, year-end prize money, and banquet)  
Format: Two-Person Teams

### Ladies League

When: Tuesday Evenings  
Time: 4:30 pm  
Begins: Mid-April  
Cost: \$25  
\$1 per week for weekly game

### Spanky's League

When: Thursday Evenings  
Time: 4:30 pm  
Begins: Late May - Early June  
Cost: For sign-up and cost, call Spanky's at 234-2962  
Format: Teams

If you would like more information regarding any of the golf leagues offered at PrairieView or would like to inquire how to register for a league, please stop by the clubhouse or call 234-4653.

## Men's Golf Association

The PrairieView Men's Golf Association continues to grow. In 2005, this small but growing group increased to a record 36 members.

Association members participated in various events throughout the season that included PrairieView's Match Play Championship, Club Championship, Interclub Matches with Aldeen Golf Club, and Timber Pointe Golf Club, and two road trips to other golf courses. The second road trip included a chartered bus to University Ridge Golf Course in Madison, Wisconsin.

The 2006 schedule of events promises to be more entertaining than ever. The Men's Association is open to all male golfers 21 years and older. All events are handicapped and include all levels of golfers.

If you are interested in joining the Men's Association, stop by the clubhouse and pick up a schedule of events.

## Practice Center Makes Perfect

Spring is a perfect time to improve your golf game. The PrairieView Practice Center is the best practice facility in Ogle County. It offers golfers a chance to practice all parts of their game. The practice facility is open daily from dawn to dusk, closed only on Tuesday mornings until 10 am for maintenance. Features include:



- Four greens for putting and chipping
- Green side and fairway bunkers
- Mat and grass hitting areas
- Range cards at up to 25% off
- Group and private lessons



# Scholarships

## Matt Johnson Scholarship Fund Mini-Golf Event

June 16, 2006 • 5-8 pm  
Only \$15 per person  
Stone Quarry Recreation Park



*Stone Quarry Recreation Park*

This event includes 18 holes of mini-golf, dinner from the Food Factory, and use of the skate park and batting cages. Please register by June 14th by calling Stone Quarry Recreation Park at 234-8900. Your support as a participant, sponsor, or donor will allow this program to continue to help our local children. If you have any questions or wish to make a donation or become a sponsor, please call Ed Clift at 234-8535 ext. 201.

In 2003, the Byron Forest Preserve District announced the establishment of the Matt Johnson Funship Awards Program by Dr. Robert and Holly Johnson of Byron. The Scholarship Awards program is a fund of money that is available for the youth of the Byron community who are in need of financial assistance to participate in the activities of the Byron Forest Preserve District, such as skateboarding, golf, summer day camp, and any other scheduled programs.

Matt, the son of Holly and Robert, was an avid skateboarder and was interested in golf, until his life was cut tragically short at the age of 18 in a car accident in 1997.

The Byron Forest Preserve District Board of Commissioners and staff are grateful for the Johnsons' generosity in the creation of the Matt Johnson Funship Awards Program for the children of the Byron area.

Over the past three years, this fund has awarded over \$3,500 in scholarships to the youth of our community. This program is available for all programs that are offered at the Byron Forest Preserve District.

To qualify for a Funship Award, the child must be eligible for the school lunch program and reside in the Byron Forest Preserve District. The Johnsons encourage parents who feel their child would benefit from this Funship Awards Program to contact the Byron Forest Preserve Director Ed Clift at 234-8535 ext. 201 for more information.







## Ask Us About Harvesting Your Home's Equity!

It's the perfect time of year to use the equity in your home to make improvements that will increase the value of your house. This loan is convenient for large or small purchases and you do not need to reapply each time you need money. Call today 234-2561.



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