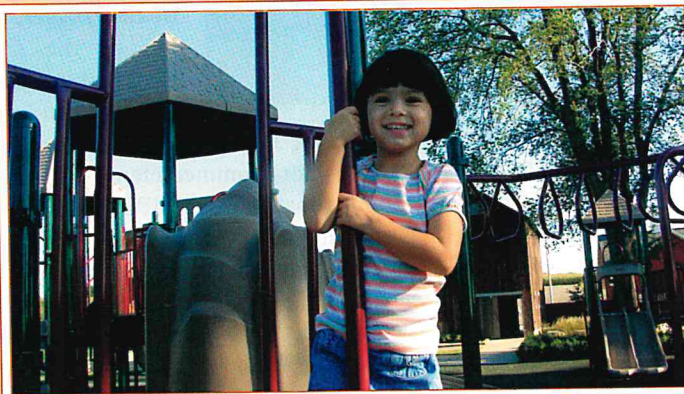


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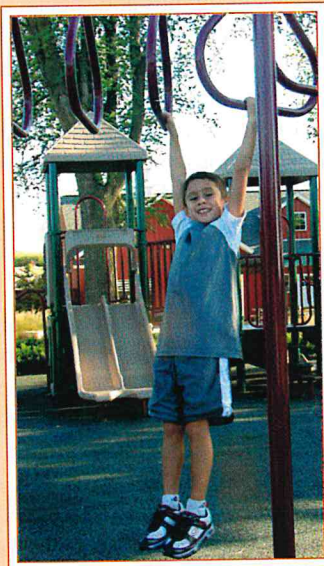


***Save Gas & Money...Relax Right Here!***

- Stone Quarry Recreation Park
- PrairieView Golf Club
- Jarrett Prairie Center Museum
- Heritage Farm Museum
- Weiskopf Observatory



**Golf • Free Concerts  
Museums • Special Events  
Playgrounds  
Outdoor Programs**





# Directors' Messages

## From Executive Director Edward C. Clift...



Dear Citizens,

The Forest Preserve District has some great programs planned for this spring and summer for you and your entire family at our various facilities. After this record-breaking winter snow fall, spring is finally here, so let us help you enjoy the beautiful outdoors and some great programs to relieve that cabin fever. We can help you get into the swing of spring and summer at any of our facilities including Stone Quarry

Recreation Park, PrairieView Golf Club, Jarrett Prairie Center, Heritage Farm Museum or miles of beautiful walking trails.

The Summer Day Camp program has had open registration for the last two months with our new early bird reduced fee plan and camp is filling up fast. If you register prior to the end of May, you'll receive a \$10 discount per week or \$100 savings per child for the entire summer. As in the past, the registration fee is all inclusive and there are no additional trip fees to pay later. Also new this year, the weekly fee allows the child free use of the park's facilities (mini-golf, skate park, and batting cages-3 tokens per day) during the week the child is registered for camp, Monday-Sunday. This is a great opportunity for the entire family to enjoy the park at a reduced rate. See the details in the Summer Day Camp section of this issue.

Stone Quarry Recreation Park's new General Manager, Dan Beranek, has planned many new programs and special events for this season. Stop by and use our playground, water spray play area, basketball courts, 18-hole mini golf course, batting cages (baseball & softball), skate park, and community building. Dates are being reserved for corporate outings, family reunions and other parties. Prices are reasonable and there are still open dates for your event. Please review all these activities and facilities in this issue. If you have suggestions, please give Dan a call at 1-815-234-8900.

PrairieView Golf Club, lead by General Manager Steve Murray, has a full schedule of activities for women, men, couples, and youth planned for this year. This will be the second year of the new course layout and the Prairie Grass Pub, a new 44-seat dining room that includes a 1,000-square-foot patio and five big screen televisions for all visitors to enjoy. New this year, is a display recognizing Byron's Baseball Hall of Famer, A. G. Spalding, founder of Spalding Sporting Goods Company. Please stop by and see the Spalding exhibit. If you need additional information, please call Steve at 1-815-234-GOLF.

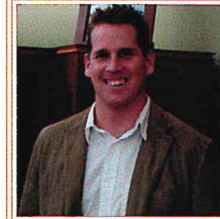
Our Education Department Superintendent Richie Wolf and his staff have many great activities planned in the outdoors. Morel Mushroom Hunting, Scout Badge Workshops, and trips to St. Louis and Door County are just a few. Please review these outstanding offerings closely. Call 1-815-234-8535 ext. 200 for more information or to register.

The Matt Johnson Scholarship program continues to provide funding for the youth of our area who are in need of financial assistance to participate in our programs and use our facilities. Check out the Mini-Golf Fundraiser event that is scheduled for June 13th and support this very worthwhile cause. Review the details of this event in this issue. Contact Todd Tucker at 1-815-234-8535 ext. 222 for more information.

If you have questions or need additional information, please call Todd Tucker at 1-815-234-8535 ext. 222, or me at ext. 201. Have a great summer and we look forward to seeing you at the Forest Preserve.

Edward C. Clift, Executive Director

## From Acting Executive Director Todd Tucker...



*"Welcome to the Byron Forest Preserve's Multi-Media Theater,"* is one of the first things I remember hearing when I first

came to the Jarrett Prairie Center for my interview for a summer intern job in 1995.

At that time, the JPC had a media presentation that could be viewed by visitors, but things change and that room is now part of our expanded preschool room.

Well, things do change: I'm not that young college graduate anymore. The Forest Preserve has also changed along the way. One of the most interesting change for me began January 1st of this year. I have taken over as the Acting Executive Director for the 2008 year. Beginning January 1, 2009, I'll be the Executive Director.

Ed Clift and I have started a transition period for him to retire as I step into the Executive Director's role over the 2008 year. He is very excited to be able to mentor me this year while looking forward to the blissful peace of retirement. I, on the other hand, have many new things to learn along with the responsibility of guiding the District into the future.

I look forward to the challenge of keeping the tax payers excited about the way the Forest Preserve operates and the services we provide.

I am dedicated to the environment and the region in which we live. I will help guide the Forest Preserve to be responsible users of our resources, whether fiscal, educational, recreational, or environmental.

Please feel free to contact me at any time with questions, comments, or concerns regarding your Forest Preserve.

Todd Tucker,  
Acting Executive Director



# General Information

## 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 26  
Independence Day, July 4

## Administrative Offices are closed:

Memorial Day, May 26  
Independence Day, July 4

## Behavior Policy

To ensure safe and enjoyable programs and facilities for all residents, the Byron Forest Preserve District has developed the following Code of Conduct. Participants in programs and those using facilities shall: (1) Show respect to all participants, staff, equipment, supplies and facilities; (2) Refrain from using offensive or profane language; (3) Refrain from aggressive behavior that could cause bodily harm.

The Byron Forest Preserve District reserves the right to dismiss a participant from a program if their behavior or language is deemed inappropriate by staff.

The Byron Forest Preserve District applies a caring and positive approach to discipline. Our staff will work with parents when special accommodations are necessary due to a participant's disability.

The Byron Forest Preserve District reserves the right to dismiss a participant whose behavior endangers the safety of others or causes property damage.

## Byron Forest Preserve District

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## Board Meetings

The Byron Forest Preserve District Board of Commissioners meetings are held on the third Monday of each month at 7 pm at the Jarrett Prairie Center, 7993 North River Road, Byron.

## Board of Commissioners

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## 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 other media.



# 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.

## Director Clift Wins Award

Edward Clift, Executive Director of the Byron Forest Preserve District, has been selected the winner of the 2008 IPRA (Illinois Park and Recreation Association) Professional Recognition Award.

Mr. Clift accepted his award at the IAPD/IPRA Soaring to New Heights Conference Luncheon on Friday, January 25, 2008 (pictured). The award was presented by Bill Wald, CEO of IPRA, and Amy Charlesworth, Chairman of the IPRA Board with over 2000 guests in attendance. Mr. Clift was commended on his ability to balance his family, career, and volunteerism while continuing to set goals to achieve his professional mission. He has made a profound impact on the field of parks and recreation while employed at the Byron Forest Preserve District.

The Professional Recognition Award is given to the person who best represents a professional who has shown excellence in promoting parks and recreation on local and regional levels within the state of Illinois.

There are more than 6000 park sites in Illinois that are managed and preserved by 450 agencies that employ over 60,000 people including 2800 professionals. These agencies are governed by more than 2100 board members. These numbers show the level of excellence that one must attain to be chosen for this award.

Byron Forest Preserve Board President Jeff Huber stated, "I know I speak for the entire Board of Commissioners when I say that we were pleased to hear that Ed was receiving this award. It has been a long time in coming and is well deserved. Ed's contribution to the Byron Forest Preserve District since coming in 1994 has been invaluable. When he came, the District's financial condition was poor at best and we are now debt free and operate each year within a balanced budget. During his tenure, the District has worked steadily toward meeting its mission statement of preservation, education and recreation. Significant acreage has been acquired thereby preserving open space to be enjoyed for many generations, our education programs have been expanded and improved, and new recreation opportunities have been added. Ed will be missed when he retires at the end of this year."



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*We abuse land because we regard it as a commodity belonging to us. When we see the land as a community to which we belong, we may begin to use it with love and respect.*

*- Aldo Leopold (1887-1948) US Forester, Conservationist*



# Scholarship Fundraiser

## Matt Johnson Scholarship Fund Annual Mini-Golf Fundraiser

**June 13, 2008 • 5-8 pm**  
**Only \$15 per person**  
**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 calling Stone Quarry Recreation Park at 1-815-234-8900. Your support as a participant, sponsor, or donor will allow this program to continue to help our local children. If you have questions or wish to donate or become a sponsor, please call Todd Tucker at 1-815-234-8535 ext. 222.

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 area 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, preschool, and many 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.

Last year, we issued over \$5,200 in scholarships to the youth of our community. This scholarship 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 Todd Tucker at 1-815-234-8535 ext. 222 for more information.





# Summer Day Camp

*Fun for 6-12 year olds!*

*June 9 - August 22*

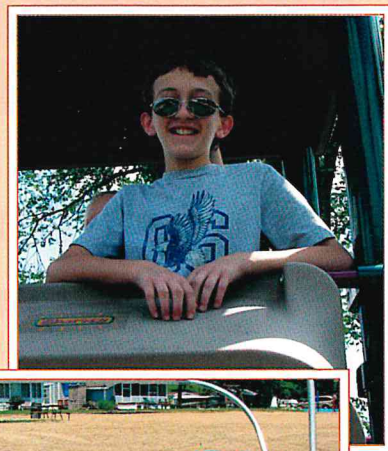
Week One	June 9-13
Week Two	June 16-20
Week Three	June 23-27
Week Four	June 30-July 3
Week Five	July 7-11
Week Six	July 14-18
Week Seven	July 21-25
Week Eight	July 28-August 1
Week Nine	August 4-8
Week Ten	August 11-15
Week Eleven	August 18-22

Times: 9am - 4 pm

Cost: April - May  
\$90/week & \$80/sibling  
June - August  
\$100/week & \$90/sibling

Latchkey: 7-9 am (\$10 per week)  
4-6 pm \$10 per week)

Daily rate: \$25/day plus field trip fees



## Great Field Trips This Year!

- Lake Louise
- Brookfield Zoo
- Wild West Town
- The Field Museum
- Splash Country
- Mississippi River Museum
- Splashland Aquatic Center
- White Pines Roller Rink
- CoCo Keys Resort
- Sci Tech Museum

## New this year!

Weekly camp fees include free use of Stone Quarry's facilities after camp hours and on the weekends while your child is enrolled in camp.

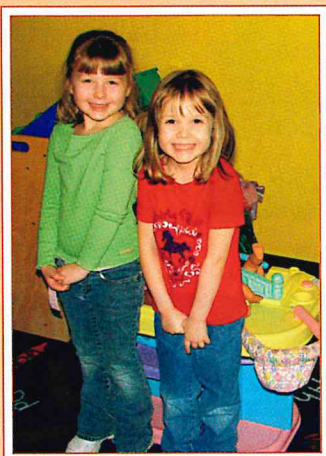


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## Summer Fun!

# Adventure Club



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

This summer program is geared toward preschool age 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. Call 815-234-8535 ext. 200 to register today!

Session #1 - June 9 - 19 - *Trees are Terrific!*

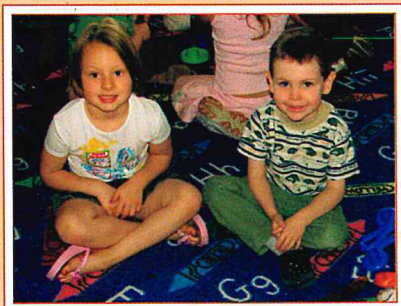
Session #2 - June 23 - July 3 - *The Planets*

Session #3 - July 7 - 17 - *Insects*

Session #4 - July 21-31 - *Fish*

Cost: \$35 per session  
When: Monday & Wednesday  
or Tuesday & Thursday  
Time: 9-11 am or 1-3 pm  
Ages: 3-6 year olds  
Min/Max: 6 / 14

*Come and check out  
our new playground...  
coming this summer!*





# Free Summer Concerts



**Coon Creek String Band**  
June 8th



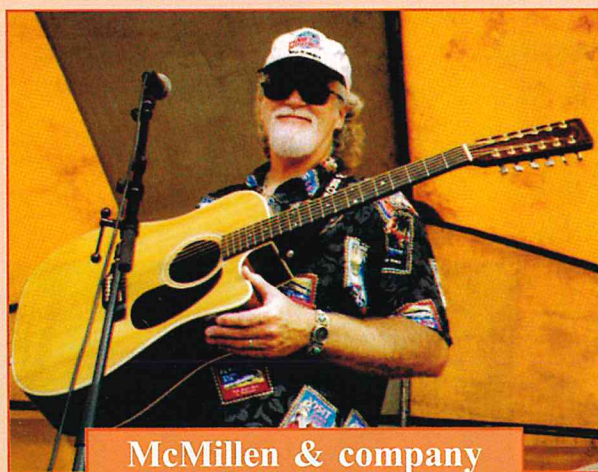
**Lime Light**  
June 22nd



**Basement Blues Band**  
July 20th



**Poplar Grove Band**  
July 27th



**McMillen & company**  
August 3rd



**Jodi Beach Trio**  
August 17th

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



*Summer concerts are partially supported by a \$1000 grant from the Rockford Area Arts Council which receives support from the City of Rockford, the Illinois Arts Council, and its members.*



# Car Show

## 2nd Annual Matt Johnson Scholarship Fund Car Show



**Saturday, August 16, 2008**  
**8 am - 4 pm**

7993 North River Road ~ Byron



### *Street Rods, Muscle Cars, & Family Fun!!*

The Byron Forest Preserve is hosting our 2nd Annual Matt Johnson Scholarship Fund Car Show. Cadwell Productions and the Forest Preserve are working together again to make this event fun and memorable for the whole family!

Along with street rods, muscle cars, and maybe a few motorcycles, there'll be a DJ, country music band, pancake breakfast, tractor show, concession stand, and the Byron Fire Department will demonstrate an extrication.

All profits from the car show registrations will be donated to the Matt Johnson Scholarship Fund. This Fund is available to area youth who need financial assistance to participate in Forest Preserve programs.

Please call 1-815-234-8535 ext. 200 for more information. Be sure to mark your calendars and join us for some family fun!



*If you're a car owner and would like to be in the show, please call Jack Cadwell at 1-815-282-3961 or 1-815-494-0018.*



# Stone Quarry Park

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## Mother's Day at the Park

On May 11, from Noon until 5 pm, every mom who comes to Stone Quarry Park with her family gets free admission to miniature golf and a free ice cream cone!

## Customer Appreciation Day

As a way of saying thank you, miniature golf, batting cages, and skate park will be FREE! Promotional Pepsi giveaways too!

Where: Stone Quarry Park

When: Sunday, May 18

Time: Noon - 5 pm

Cost: FREE

Ages: All



## Memorial Day Weekend

Bring your family and friends out to Stone Quarry Park during May 24-26 for some affordable fun! For every paid admission to miniature golf or skate park, you'll get the second admission free!!

## Red, White, & Blue Day

Partake in the festivities of the 4th of July at Stone Quarry Park! Anyone who comes to the park wearing red, white, & blue gets free miniature golf or free admission to the skate park. This offer expires at 5 pm on July 4th.

## Father's Day at the Park

On June 15, from Noon until 5 pm, every dad who comes to Stone Quarry Park with his family gets free admission to miniature golf and a free ice cream cone!

## Kids Zone

Featuring activities, games, prizes, and fun in the park. Pizza and pop provided. Extra money needed for games and other concession items. Registration required.

Where: Stone Quarry Park

When: May 16, June 18  
August 22

Time: 5:30 - 9:30 pm

Cost: \$10 / person

Ages: First-Fifth Grade

Min/Max: 10 / 30

Register by noon on the  
Wednesday before the program.

## Middle School Dances

Of course there are middle school dances this summer! Mark these dates on your calendar and join your friends, DJ Ryan from Sound Productions and the Stone Quarry Crew for some summer night fun!

Where: Stone Quarry Park

When: Fridays,  
May 9, June 13,  
July 18, August 15

Time: 7 - 10 pm

Cost: \$5 / person

Ages: Middle School

Chaperones needed,  
please call 815-234-8900!

## Midnight Madness

Stone Quarry will be open until midnight, so come on out and partake in some late night skateboarding, mini-golf, and other games.

Where: Stone Quarry Park

When: 8 pm - Midnight

Dates: Saturdays

June 20

July 25

August 29

Cost: \$5 / person

Ages: 6th grade and up

## Daily Deals!!

Fridays - June 6 - August 15

Family Night Fridays: Buy 3 rounds of mini-golf, and the 4th is FREE!

Saturdays - June 7 - August 16

Teen Date Night Saturdays: Buy one, get one free mini-golf & ice cream cone.

Sundays - June 8 - August 17

Senior Citizen Day: Discounts for grandparents and grandchildren!

## ByronFest Specials

### ByronFest Weekend Special

Meet your friends at Stone Quarry Park for a round of mini-golf before going downtown for the annual festivities on July 11-13! For every paid admission to mini-golf or the skate park, you'll get the second one free!



### Post ByronFest Family Fun Fest

Have left over tickets from ByronFest? Bring them to Stone Quarry Park from July 19-20 for half-priced batting cages, skate park, and miniature golf. One ticket is good for one half-priced activity.

## Stone Quarry Park Hours

### Thru April 31

Mon., Tues., Fri. - 4-7pm

Sat. & Sun. - 11am-5pm

### May 1 - 26

Mon.-Fri. - 4-8pm

Sat. & Sun. - 11am-7pm

### Summer Hours

Mon.-Fri. - 10am-9pm

Sat. - 10am - Midnight

Sun. - 10am-9pm

Park hours are subject to change due to weather related conditions or low attendance.



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# Special Events

## 1st Annual Slam Dunk Contest

Come out to the park for some slam jamming fun at Stone Quarry's first annual slam dunk contest! There will be three brackets available for registration. The brackets are based on the height to the rim of the basket, will be set at 6.5 ft., 7.5 ft., and 8.5 ft. The top three finalists from each bracket will compete for the title of the ultimate slam dunk champion. Scoring will be done by a panel of judges, and they will base their scores on creativity, vertical leap, and difficulty. So grab your gear, your fans, and don't forget your game...for this action packed summer event! The concession stand will be open for food and beverages. Registration is required!



Where: Stone Quarry Park  
When: Saturday, June 7  
Time: 2 pm  
Cost: \$10 / person  
Ages: 17 and under  
Min/Max: 10 / 50  
**Register by noon on June 4.**

## Junior Olympic Skills Competition

Stone Quarry Recreation Park will be hosting a local qualifying Junior Olympic Skills Competition for basketball. The competition is based on the most number of shots made from pre-selected areas in a 45-second time frame. Individuals with the most shots made will be selected to advance to the regional competition. Registration forms are available at Stone Quarry and the Jarrett Prairie Center. A copy of the participant's birth certificate is also required.

Where: Stone Quarry Park  
When: Saturday, May 3  
Time: 1 pm  
Cost: Free  
Ages: 8 - 13  
**Register by noon on April 30.**



## Kids Big Wheel Races

All right race fans, grab your kids and their favorite big wheel machine and come out to the park for a day of high speed big wheel action! Prizes will be awarded to First and Second Place for each age bracket. Costumes encouraged! The concession stand will be open for food and beverages. Registration is required.

Where: Stone Quarry Park  
When: Saturday, May 31  
Time: 5 pm  
Cost: \$5 / child  
Ages: 3 - 6  
Min/Max: 4 / 20 per age group  
**Register by noon on May 28.**



## 1st Annual Summer Olympics

It is time to determine who will be the Byron area's future Olympians! Come out to the park and test your all around athletic skills in five areas including miniature golf, basketball, baseball, football, and soccer. There will be three age brackets for the event: 8-9, 10-11, and 12-13 year-olds are all invited. Trophies will be awarded to the top finisher in each bracket! The concession stand will be open for food and beverages. Registration is required!

Where: Stone Quarry Park  
When: Saturday, June 28  
Time: 4 pm  
Cost: \$10 / person  
Ages: 8 - 13  
Min/Max: 10 / 50  
**Register by noon on June 25.**

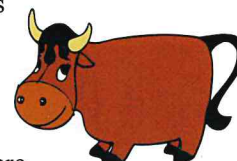


## Cow Bingo Day \$\$\$

If you like cows, bingo, or money, than this is your kind of game! Come out to the park and buy a square of our cow bingo grid and take a chance on winning some extra cash. It is a 50/50 cash payout for the individual who purchases the number of square on which our cow chooses to leave his mark. There are 100 squares. Each person who buys a square gets one free round of miniature golf or four tokens for the batting cages. Good Luck! The concession stand will be open for food and beverages.

Where: Stone Quarry Park  
When: Saturdays  
May 17  
June 21  
July 13

Time: 1 pm  
Cost: \$15 / square  
Ages: 18 and up



## 2nd Annual Putt Putt Open

Find your best putt putt buddy and come out to the park for Stone Quarry's 2nd Annual Putt Putt Open! This is a two-person team event and all different types of pairs are invited. Awards will be given to the team with the lowest score and the team with the most "holes in one." Registration is required.

Where: Stone Quarry Park  
When: Saturday, August 3  
Time: 4 pm  
Cost: \$6 / team  
Ages: All  
Min/Max: 3 / 25  
**Register by noon on July 30.**

## Attention Parents & Babysitters! Stone Quarry has Wi-Fi!

Starting this spring, Stone Quarry Park will offer free wireless access. Bring your kids out to the park for some fun while you catch up on work projects or personal business. Laptops not provided.

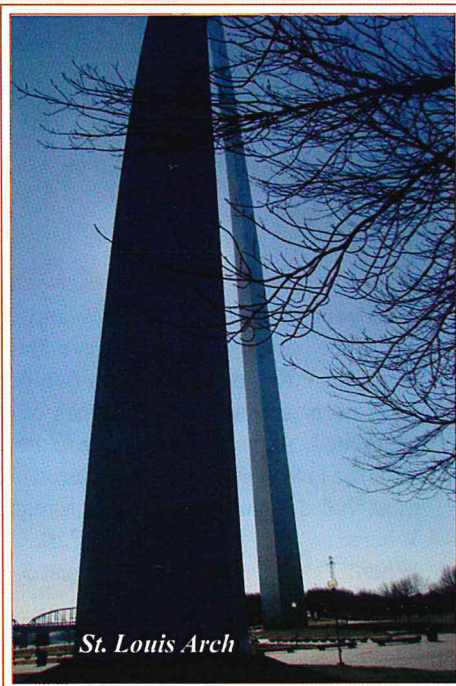


## Door County, Wisconsin

We'll visit the various State Parks at one of the top ten vacation destinations in North America. Many other special activities are planned including a visit to Lambeau Field. The cost includes transportation, three-night hotel stay, and park admission.

Where: Meet at the Jarrett Prairie Center  
When: Friday, **July 11** - Monday, **July 14**  
Time: Depart at 8 am  
Cost: \$195 / person & \$250 / couple  
Ages: Adults  
Min/Max: 5 / 14

**Register by noon on June 27.**



*St. Louis Arch*

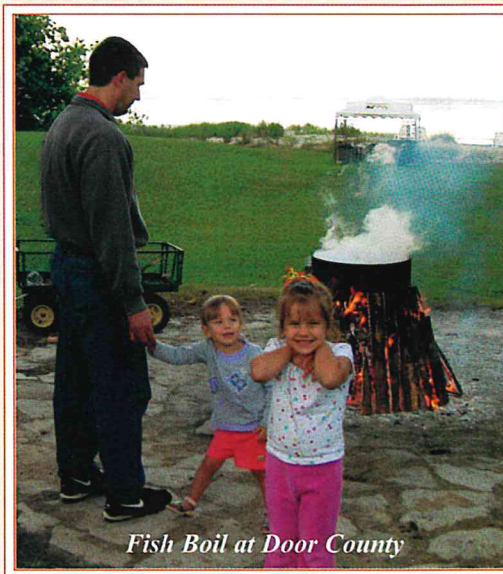
## Shawnee Ramble

We are travelling to Southern Illinois to hike part of the River to River Trail. This is for the dedicated outdoor lovers. Transportation, food, tents, and packs included.

Where: Meet at the Jarrett Prairie Center  
When: Monday, **July 28** - Thursday, **July 31**  
Time: Depart at 9 am.  
Cost: \$85 / person & \$125 / couple  
Ages: 10 and up. Children under 18 must have an adult guardian.

Min/Max: 5 / 14

**Register by noon on July 18.**



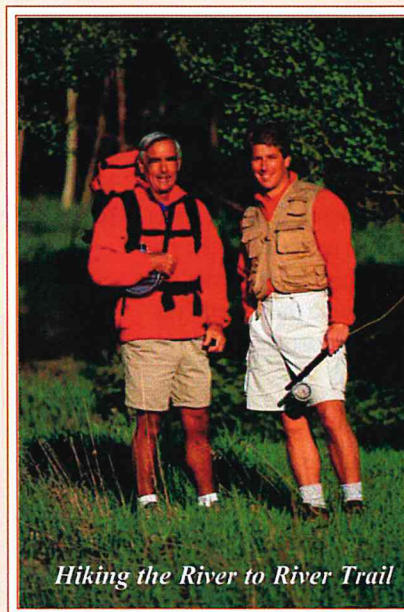
*Fish Boil at Door County*

## Explore St. Louis

Join us on a trip to Missouri to explore this historical city. We provide transportation, motel, event tickets, and fun! We'll visit the zoo, the Budweiser brewery, the Arch, and great museums.

Where: Meet at the Jarrett Prairie Center  
When: Friday, **July 18** - Monday, **July 21**  
Time: Depart at 9 am. Return at 7 pm.  
Cost: \$210 / person & \$325 / couple  
Ages: Adults  
Min/Max: 5 / 14

**Register by noon on July 3.**



*Hiking the River to River Trail*



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# Boundary Waters Trip

## Canoeing • Fishing • Hiking • Camping

This wilderness trip will take us to the Boundary Waters Canoe Area of northern Minnesota. We will spend a night in Ely, the center of the canoe world, and then spend five days canoeing, fishing, tent camping, and relaxing on the lakes of the Boundary Waters. We will put our canoes in the water on Lake One and paddle our way to Lake Three to set up camp for the week. These lakes provide great opportunity to catch large Walleye and Northern Pike. A previous trip landed two 40+ inch Northern! Bald Eagles and Loons are also common wildlife encountered in this area. Don't pass up this once in a lifetime trip. Let us guide you through one of the most pristine places on earth!

This trip is of moderate experience level. There will be paddling for several miles in a day, hiking between lakes, carrying packs, portaging canoes, setting up tents, and waters to navigate in various weather conditions. For more information and any questions, please call Russell Brunner at 1-815-234-8535 ext. 219.

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

When: Thursday, May 29 thru Wednesday, June 4

Cost: \$400 / person  
\$100 due at registration  
\$300 balance due May 19. Cost includes transportation to and from the boundary waters, canoe, paddles, packs, map, food at boundary waters, tent experienced guide, and permits.

### Registration and payments:

Register by: May 19  
(Fee due in full by registration deadline)

Min/Max: 4 / 8

### Itinerary:

May 19  
Registration Deadline (full payment due)

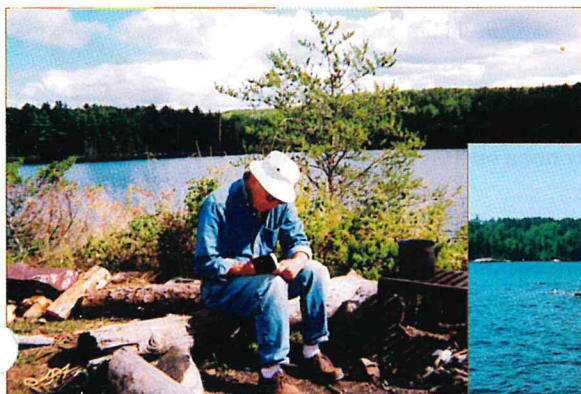
May 22  
Required pre-trip meeting at 7 pm at the Jarrett Prairie Center.

May 29  
Leave Byron Forest Preserve District at 7 am.  
Arrive at Ely, Minnesota late afternoon.  
Will stay at outfitter's bunkhouse that evening.

May 30  
Canoes on the water.

June 4  
Canoes out of water, return trip home.  
Arrive at Forest Preserve late evening.

### Experience...



*nature's peace and beauty...*



*good fishing...*



*and lots of canoeing!!*



# Outdoor Adventures

May  
June  
July  
August

## Canoeing the Rock

All equipment is provided for this fun program!

Where: Meet at River Park Parking Lot  
across from Heritage Farm

When: Sundays, **June 1** & August 24

Time: 2 - 5 pm

Cost: \$20 / canoe

Ages: All - Minimum one adult per canoe.

Min/Max: 2 canoes / 12 canoes

**Register by noon on May 30 and August 22.**



## Canoeing the Kishwaukee River

All equipment is provided for this fun program!

Where: Meet at River Park Parking Lot  
across from Heritage Farm

When: Sundays, **June 8** & August 31

Time: 2-5 pm

Cost: \$20 / canoe

Ages: All - Minimum one adult per canoe.

Min/Max: 2 canoes / 12 canoes

**Register by noon on June 6 and August 29.**

## Raspberry and Blackberry Pickin'

Bring your buckets and band-aids as we scour the brush for these delicious treats.

Where: Meet at the Jarrett Prairie Center

When: Thursdays, **June 19 & 26**

Time: 6 - 9 pm

Cost: \$3 / family (all you can pick)

Ages: All

Min/Max: 5 / 50

**Register by noon on June 18 & June 25.**



## Beekeeping Workshops

Learn techniques and tools of the trade. Ask about our mentoring program.

Where: Jarrett Prairie Center

When: Sundays, **May 18\***, **June 8\***, **July 13**, Aug. 10\*

Time: 2 - 4 pm

Cost: \$2 / person

Ages: 3 and up

Min/Max: 5 / 25

\*Denotes outdoor workshops, bring your bee suits!

## Ogle County Bird Count

Where: Meet at the Jarrett Prairie Center

When: Saturday, **May 10**

Time: 8 am - ?

Cost: Free

Ages: 6 and up

Min/Max: 5 / none

**Register by noon on May 9.**



## Hunter Education Class

This 10-hour class covers first aid, wildlife management, and more. You must pass a written test for certification.

Where: Jarrett Prairie Center

When: Monday, Wednesday, & Friday

August 4, 6, & 8

Time: 6 - 9 pm (Mon. & Wed.) & 6 - 10 pm (Fri.)

Cost: Free

Ages: All - Must be able to pass a written test.

Min/Max: 5 / 80

**Register by noon on August 1.**

## Butterfly Count

Come help us count these beautiful insects.

Where: Jarrett Prairie Center

When: Saturday, **July 5**

Time: 9 - 11 am

Cost: Free

Ages: All

Min/Max: 5 / 50

**Register by noon on July 3.**



## Owl Prowl

See what life comes out in the prairies and woods at night.

Where: Meet at Jarrett Prairie Center

When: Fridays, **July 25** & August 15

Time: 10 pm - Midnight

Cost: \$3 / person

Ages: All

Min/Max: 5 / 50

**Register by noon on July 24 and August 14.**



# Outdoor Adventures

## Evening Hike

See birds, flowers, and other wildlife on this easy hike.

Where: Meet at Jarrett Prairie Center  
When: Friday, August 1  
Time: 6 - 8 pm  
Cost: \$2 / person  
Ages: All  
Min/Max: 5 / 50

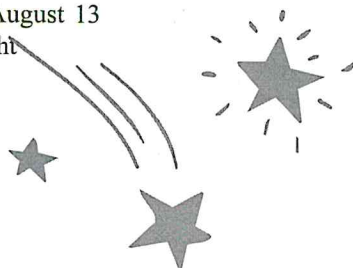
**Register by noon on July 31.**

## Perseid Meteor Watch

Bring a lawn chair or blanket to watch this annual meteor shower.

Where: Weiskopf Observatory  
When: Wednesday, August 13  
Time: 9 pm - Midnight  
Cost: Free  
Ages: All  
Min/Max: 5 / 50

**Register by noon on August 12.**



## Night Fishing

We'll take you to a pond for some great fishing. Bring your own equipment and lantern.

Where: Meet at the Jarrett Prairie Center  
When: Saturdays, June 7 and August 9  
Time: 10 pm - Midnight  
Cost: \$6 / person  
Ages: 8 and up  
Min/Max: 5 / 50

**Register by noon on June 6 and August 8.**

## Tree ID

Come and learn about these amazing plants. Use a key to identify different species.

Where: Jarrett Prairie Center  
When: Thursday, June 12  
Time: 6:30-8:30 pm  
Cost: \$2 / person  
Ages: All  
Min/Max: 5 / 50

**Register by noon on June 11.**

## Fossil Hunt

Explore the limestone of Stone Quarry's rock quarry to find fossils of the Ordovician period--maybe even a trilobite! Buckets and fossil guides are supplied; bring your own tools if you wish.

Where: Stone Quarry Recreation Park  
When: Saturday, May 3  
Time: 11:30 am - 2 pm  
Cost: \$2 / person  
Ages: All  
Min/Max: 5 / 25

**Register by noon on April 30.**



## Barn Party

Take a tour of our Heritage Farm Museum, play pioneer children's games, make a candle, and help prepare a snack over the fire. Parents are welcome to attend at no cost.

Where: Heritage Farm  
When: Saturday, May 10  
Time: Noon - 2 pm  
Cost: \$4 / person  
Ages: 7 and up  
Min/Max: 5 / 20

**Register by noon on May 7.**

## Morel Hunts

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

Where: Meet at the Jarrett Prairie Center  
When: Saturdays, May 3 & 10 & Sunday, May 4  
Time: 4 - 7 pm  
Cost: \$5 / person per day  
Ages: 6 and up  
Min/Max: 5 / 14 in District van  
(unlimited if driving yourself)

**Register by noon on May 2 & 9.**



*After the hunt.*



## Register Now for Fall Preschool!

It's not too early to sign up. Get your kids ready for kindergarten by enrolling them in our structured preschool classes. The Tuesday/Thursday classes are geared towards 3-year-olds and younger 4-year-olds. The Monday/Wednesday/Friday classes are geared towards older 4-year-olds and younger 5-year-olds. Children must be at least 4 years old to attend the three-day class. They must be at least 3 years old to attend the two-day class. Children must be potty trained. Immunization records are required for students enrolling in the fall 2008 session.

You may register your child at any time 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  
 Ages: 3 - 5 years  
 When: Mon/Wed/Fri or  
 Tues/Thurs  
 Time: 9-11:30am or 1-3:30 pm  
 Min./Max: 6 / 20 - M-W-F  
 6 / 16 - Tu-Th  
 Cost: \$85/month-M/W/F or  
 \$70/month-T/Th

**Registration is ongoing  
 throughout the year.**

### Meet the Teachers

Come and meet the preschool teachers and see the classroom before classes begin. This is the perfect time to get all of your questions answered.

**Jarrett Prairie Center  
 Thursday, August 21  
 5:30 - 7 pm**



Preschool Teacher

Mrs. Joni

### Guess Where Flat Stanley Has Been?

Flat Stanley recently visited the Forest Preserve's Preschool (pictured below). He is a paper doll that was made by a first grade class in Vandalia, Illinois. The first grade class put Flat Stanley in the mail to begin his journey. They asked everyone who receives him to take pictures of him at that location and send them along with him to the next destination of their choice.

His previous destinations were listed on his back. Before coming to Byron, Flat Stanley had visited Carbondale, Illinois; New Orleans, Louisiana; Seattle, Washington; Santa Rosa, California; Yreka, California, Seabrook, Texas; and he even went on a Mexican cruise. After visiting with the preschool kids, playing in the rice table, and riding the buffalo, Flat Stanley is now on his way to Atchison, Kansas.

The preschoolers were very excited about meeting Flat Stanley and sending him on his journey around America!



*After playing in the rice table, riding the buffalo, and visiting with the kids (and staff), Flat Stanley was on his way to Kansas!*





# Badge Workshops

## Webelo Badge - Naturalist

Where: Jarrett Prairie Center  
When: Thursday, August 21  
Time: 6 - 8 pm  
Cost: \$5 / webelo  
Ages: Webelos  
Min/Max: 5 / 25

**Register by noon on August 20.**



## Boy Scout Badge - Forestry

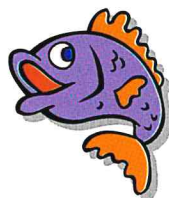
Where: Jarrett Prairie Center  
When: Saturday, June 28  
Time: 1 - 4 pm  
Cost: \$5 / scout  
Ages: 10 and up  
Min/Max: 5 / 25

**Register by noon on June 27.**

## Boy Scout Badge - Fish/Wildlife Management

Where: Jarrett Prairie Center  
When: Saturday, August 23  
Time: 1 - 4 pm  
Cost: \$5 / scout  
Min/Max: 5 / 25

**Register by noon on August 22.**



## Brownie Try-It - Movers

We'll earn this badge by making kites and flying them. We will also make pinwheels and windsocks. Dress for the weather.

Where: Jarrett Prairie Center  
When: Saturday, May 24  
Time: 11:30 am - 2 pm  
Cost: \$5 / brownie  
Ages: Brownies  
Min/Max: 5 / 25

**Register by noon on May 21.**



## Brownie Try-It - Numbers and Shapes

Earn this badge by trying origami, making Moebius strips, and doing other fun crafts!

Where: Jarrett Prairie Center  
When: Tuesday, May 6  
Time: 6 - 8 pm  
Cost: \$5 / brownie  
Ages: Brownies  
Min/Max: 5 / 25

**Register by noon on May 2.**

## Junior Girl Scout Badge - Jeweler

We'll make macrame, Fimo beads, and beads from wood to make jewelry. We'll also decorate a box to keep it in and learn about the history and culture of jewels from around the world.

Where: Jarrett Prairie Center  
When: Friday, May 9  
Time: 6 - 9 pm  
Cost: \$8 / scout (includes all supplies)  
Min/Max: 5 / 25

**Register by noon on May 6.**

## Junior Girl Scout Badge - Small Water Craft

We will spend time learning how to paddle and steer canoes and kayaks, how to get in and out of them (even in the water), and what to do in emergency situations. Parents must sign a permission slip/waiver for each participant.

Where: Location to be announced  
When: Saturday, May 31  
Time: 11:30 am - 4 pm  
Cost: \$10 (includes Lake Louise??? entry fee)  
Min/Max: 5 / 20

**Register by noon on May 28.**

## Scout Groups: Do you need a different date or badge?

If your scout group needs a different badge or workshop date, please call us to schedule another workshop. A minimum number is required. Please call Richie Wolf at 1-815-234-8535 ext. 217.



## Dan Beranek

My name is Daniel Beranek. I am the new General Manager of the Stone Quarry Recreation Park.



I am an alumnus of McHenry High School West Campus in McHenry, Illinois, as well as a McHenry County College graduate. I transferred to Eastern Illinois University in January of 2002. After studying environmental biology for awhile, I switched majors to recreation administration and graduated in December of 2004.

I chose to stay in the Charleston area after graduation instead of moving back to McHenry for several reasons, mainly my girlfriend, Kristen, and my black lab, Gage.

I worked different jobs about every year for the first two years out of college before landing a position in my field as director of recreation at Rockome Gardens. After about a year of working for Rockome, I decided I was ready, and it was time to move forward. I sent a few resumes out, and landed an interview for this position. The next thing I knew, I was moving to Byron!

Some of my hobbies include hunting, fishing, camping, and just being outdoors.

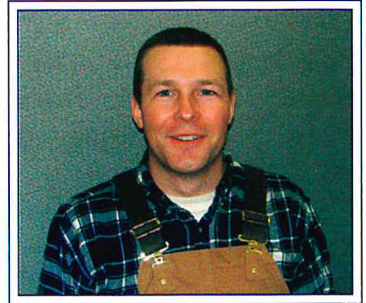
I'm excited to be here and I look forward to meeting you and serving your community.



*If you have an idea for a program at Stone Quarry Recreation Park, please call Dan at 1-815-234-8900.*

## Austin Webb

My name is Austin Webb and I am the new Restoration Technician at the Byron Forest Preserve District. I'm from



nearby Dixon, Illinois, where I graduated from Dixon High School in 2002, and then began my college education at Sauk Valley Community College. Currently, I plan to receive my Bachelor's degree in May from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, majoring in Integrative Biology.

Most of my experience working in natural resources was achieved by working as a seasonal crew member at Nachusa Grasslands, near neighboring Franklin Grove. In fact, working at Nachusa is something that two other members of the Restoration Staff and I share in common, as both Russell Brunner and Katie Schoenfeldt were also past crew members there. However, during the past few months, I was employed through a grant to restore wildlife habitat at three sites, with a majority of my time spent at Franklin Creek State Natural Area.

I am now thrilled to be working at the Byron Forest Preserve, and hopefully I, along with many others here, will be able to set and accomplish elevated goals in ecological restoration.

Some of the hobbies I enjoy include hiking, bike riding, fishing, and playing softball. Still, my favorite thing to do is spend time with my girlfriend of three years, Randi. Together, we like to bird watch, hang out with friends, and watch after her little sister, Mya.

Once again, I could not be happier to be here and I definitely think that the Byron Forest Preserve District will have a very enriching effect on my life.

## Forest Preserve Buys Land - New Ripplinger/Gouker Preserve

The Byron Forest Preserve District has acquired 54.625 acres of land to be preserved and restored prairie. This land also includes a 6-acre homestead with a house, garages, and a barn. This new preserve will be called the Ripplinger/Gouker Preserve. The Board of Commissioners approved the \$700,000 acquisition at their November 2007 board meeting.

The new preserve is located at 6550 Illinois Route 2, Byron. This area is located adjacent to the Etnyre Preserve, which is also owned by the Byron Forest Preserve. The Etnyre Preserve is 47.5 acres. With this acquisition,

this area will now total 102.125 acres. The two preserves combined will have a very nice contrast of open prairie and heavily wooded areas.

Acting Executive Director Todd Tucker stated that the land will go into row crops instead of hay; then, after three years, the crop areas will be planted into prairie. A trail system will then be put into place, connecting both preserves together.

This acquisition is in line with the Byron Forest Preserve District's mission of preserving of open space and natural resources.



## Canada thistle: *Cirsium arvense*

By: Katie Schoenfeldt

Assistant Superintendent of Restoration/Maintenance

Canada thistle is a perennial broadleaf plant that is originally from Eurasia. It was accidentally introduced in the 1600's. The state of Illinois has this plant listed on its noxious weed list. Canada thistle grows to be 2-5 feet tall in height and has purple flowers when in bloom. It first emerges from the soil in early May and continues to grow vertically through late June. The root growth of this plant is amazing! Canada thistle's roots grow horizontally underground and then produce new plants further down the new root growth. In one year, a root from this plant can grow up to 20 feet!



This plant likes to crowd out native plants and, in the process, form monoculture colonies. Canada thistle plants can produce anywhere from 1530 to 5300 seeds per plant each year. These thousands of seeds are attached to cotton like fluff that disperse very easily in the wind and can be carried long distances. The dispersed seeds from a Canada thistle plant can survive in the seedbank (soil) for up to 20 years. When the right conditions occur this dormant seed will then grow and begin to infest an area. The combination of a massive spreading root system and easy seed dispersal makes Canada thistle very hard to control.



Unfortunately, we have this thistle species growing on our preserve. There are a couple of control measures that we use to try decrease this species' spread. A broad-leaf herbicide can be applied at the bud and early bloom stage of plant growth. Most of the time multiple herbicide applications will need to be applied in established Canada thistle colonies. Another method that can be employed on smaller colonies is mowing / tilling the area. This procedure has to be repeated every 3 weeks for the entire growing season and sometimes for multiple years until the roots are starved enough to die off. The last control method that can be effective is late spring burning. Burning an infected area in late May and early June for three consecutive years can also help to diminish an outbreak. Reportedly, early spring burns can actually stimulate Canada thistle growth.

Almost all of the Northern United States is impacted by Canada thistle. Prairies, Savannas, barrens, glades, crop land, ditches, restoration projects and yards can all become overrun with Canada thistle. Early detection and action can help to reduce the severity of the outbreak. This spring and summer, our restoration crew will be working hard to try and fight against this exotic invasive weed species known as Canada thistle - *Cirsium arvense*.



Amazing...horizontal root growth underground!!

*What is a weed? A plant whose virtues have not yet been discovered.*

- Ralph Waldo Emerson



# What's a BioBlitz??



*A BioBlitz is a scientific race against time, measuring the diversity of life to be found in a defined area. The more diverse the living organisms, the greater the quality of the habitat. Participate all day or for part of this exciting p[rogram] as we send scientist and citizen assistants out in the field to identify and count as many different life forms as we can.*

The BioBlitz fieldwork sessions begin at 7 am and continue throughout the day. You may sign up for one or more sessions. Field team workers must be at least 8 years old and must register in order to participate in one or more of these sessions. An adult must accompany children under the age of 14. The day will conclude with a report of the day's findings at 4pm.

Sponsored by the Four Rivers Environmental Coalition, the Environmental Education Association of Illinois, and the Byron Forest Preserve.



**FINAL DATA PRESENTATION:  
A BioDiversity Tally - 4-4:30 PM**  
Anyone may join us for the final tally  
at the Jarrett Prairie Center!

## BioBlitz: Day of Discovery Saturday, May 17, 2008

Beginning at 7 am at the  
Byron Forest Preserve.

*This great day is  
provided to you..ALL FREE!*

### Session One - 7-9 am

Topic: *Birds*



### Session Two - 9:30-11:15 am

Topics: *Birds*  
*Insects*  
*Woodland Plants*  
*Prairie Plants*  
*Rock River*

### Lunch - 11:15 am-Noon

*A concession stand will be available.*

### Session Three - Noon-1:45 pm

Topics: *Fungi*  
*Woodland Plants*  
*Insects*  
*Birds of Prey (informational program)*

### Session Four - 2-3:45 pm

Topics: *Fungi*  
*Prairie Plants*  
*Life Underground*  
*Reptiles (informational program)*



## Birthday Parties



### Jarrett Prairie Center

**Themes:** Tea Party, Native Americans, Sky's the Limit, Goodness Snakes, Creepy Crawlies, and Where Do Butterflies Go When It Rains? Call 815-234-8535 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 815-234-8900.

## 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, astronomy, and museum tour. Call 815-234-8535 x217 to schedule your next outing with us.

## Cancer Survivors Welcome

Relay for Life of Ogle West  
Survivor Dinner

June 1, 2008 at 5 pm  
Jarrett Prairie Center



For more information, please call the  
American Cancer Society at 1-815-229-1287.

### Rare Bird Alert Hotline

The Byron Forest Preserve is hosting a "Rare Bird Alert" hotline. Call 1-815-234-8535 ext. 203 to hear updated reports or to leave a message about where, when, what, and how to spot a rarity that you've found.

## Magic Camp

Ever wonder about the secrets of professional magicians? Magician Larry Nalley can teach you tricks that will amaze and astound your friends! You will learn the knowledge and skills to fool even the most skeptical person. Come enjoy a magical adventure you will remember forever! Camp consists of two sessions, two hours per session. You'll need to bring a quarter, a cube-type tissue box, two empty cardboard tubes (paper towel), and ten brown paper lunch sacks. All other supplies are included.

Where: Jarrett Prairie Center  
When: Tues. & Wed., June 3 & 4  
Time: 10 am - Noon  
Cost: \$30 / student  
Ages: 7-13  
Min/Max: 10/20  
Register by noon on May 30.



## Fabulous Inflatables - Balloon Camp

If you've ever wanted to entertain and WOW your friends, come learn how to twist, turn, push, and pull balloons! You'll get to make a giraffe, a dog, a rabbit, a turtle, a sword, a flower, and even a monkey and a penguin!

Where: Jarrett Prairie Center  
When: Tues., Wed. & Thurs., June 3, 4, & 5  
Time: 1 - 3 pm  
Cost: \$30 / student (includes all three days)  
Ages: 7-13  
Min/Max: 10/20  
Register by noon on May 30.

## 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. **You no longer need to separate the items in each bin.**



# PrairieView Golf Club

## 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 and will run the entire summer, beginning June 10th. The cost of the league is \$50 for children with season passes and \$75 for children without season passes.

We do encourage parents to attend and volunteer. Registration forms are available at the clubhouse.

### Junior Tournaments

IJGA Junior Open	TBA
Junior Club Championship/ Ogle County Junior	July 24th
Stewart Cup Matches	July 27th
Parent Junior	August 3rd

In addition to the junior tournaments held at PrairieView, the junior golf program will provide transportation to the following local 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, Dixon  
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

## Junior Golf Fundraiser

The 13th Annual Junior Golf Fundraiser Tournament has been scheduled for Saturday May 31st. Once again, 100% of the money raised for this event will help support costs associated with our junior golf program, scholarship fund, and the Byron High School Golf Team.

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 May 31st on your calendars.

For more information, please call 1-815-234-4653.

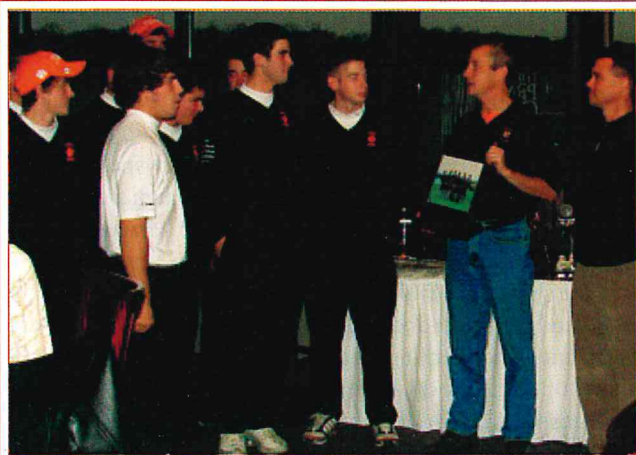
## Junior Development Lessons & Parent Child Lessons

Junior development lessons are designed to teach juniors the basic skills they will need to enjoy the game of golf. Lessons will be in 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 clubhouse or call 1-815-234-GOLF (4653).



## Byron High School Golf Team State Champs!

A reception was recently held in the team's honor at the Prairie Grass Pub. Pictured at left, Byron Forest Preserve Board President, Jeff Huber and PrairieView Golf Club Manager and PGA Pro Steve Murray present an award to the team for winning the State Championship.



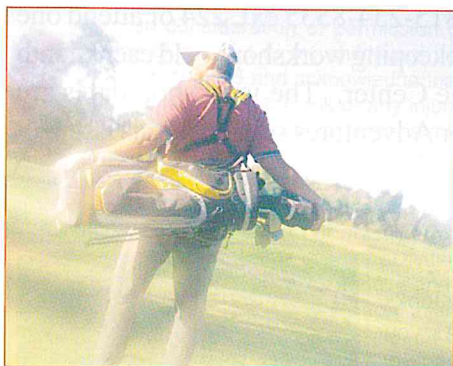
# PrairieView Golf Club

## Men's Golf Association

The PrairieView Men's Golf Association continues to grow and prosper. Association members participate in various events throughout the season that include PrairieView's Match Play Championship, Club Championship, Interclub Matches with Aldeen Golf Club and Timber Pointe Golf Club, and numerous road trips to other golf courses. At least one of the road trips each year includes a chartered bus. TPC at Deer Run, University Ridge Golf Course in Madison, and Weaver Ridge in Peoria have all been sites of past bus trips.

The 2008 schedule of events promises to be more entertaining than ever. The Men's Association is open to all male golfers 18 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.



## 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, 815-234-4653.

## ~~ Leagues ~~

### Senior Men's League

When: Wednesday Mornings  
Time: 8 am (9 am in spring & fall)  
Begins: April 23rd  
Cost: \$10 for the required 9-hole handicap  
\$1 or 42 per week for weekly game

Format: Individual play (some weeks will include team play, various games)

### Wednesday Men's 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: 5:00 pm  
Begins: Late April  
Cost: \$25  
\$1 per week for weekly game

### Spanky's League

When: Thursday Evening  
Time: 4:30 pm  
Begins: Late May-Early June  
Cost: For sign-up and cost, call Spanky's at 1-815-234-2962

Format: Teams

If you would like more information regarding any of the leagues offered at PrairieView or would like to inquire how to register for a league, please stop by the clubhouse or call 1-815-234-4653.

## 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 1-815-234-4653. Group golf lessons will be available for both beginning and intermediate golfers and will begin Mid-May. 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 1-815-234-4653.

## Practice Makes Perfect

Spring is a perfect time to improve your 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:

- \* Newly designed teeing areas
- \* Four greens for putting and chipping
- \* Mat and grass hitting areas
- \* Discounts up to 50% off
- \* Group and private lessons





# Volunteers, Etc.

## 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 the opportunity 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 1-815-234-8535 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 information, call Linda at 1-815-234-8535 x200.

## Heritage Farm Volunteers Needed

The Heritage Farm Museum is owned and operated by the Byron Forest Preserve District. The Farm is open to the public April through October and by appointment, November through March. Most of the items in the museum and barns are donated or loaned by area residents with a close connection to early farming lifestyles.

A group of dedicated volunteers consult on the operations and future of the museum. We are currently looking for more volunteers to help continue the growth of the museum.

Please call Richie Wolf at 1-815-234-8535 ext. 217 if you would be interested in being a part of this worthwhile effort; or, if you have items from the past that you would like to donate or loan to the museum.

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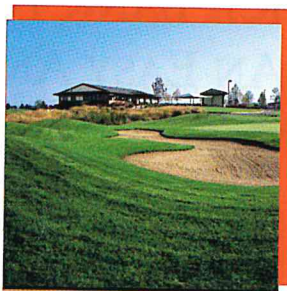
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# Facilities

## PrairieView Golf Club

PrairieView Golf Club is a public, 18-hole bent grass championship golf course. Rated 4 stars by Golf Digest. This challenging course features bent grass tees, greens, and fairways. PrairieView also offers a full service practice facility, equipment rental, fully stocked pro shop, lessons, and handicap services. The newly remodeled clubhouse features *The Prairie Grass Pub* for relaxing with your friends after a round of golf. The Prairie Grass Pub offers an extensive menu of delicious entrees and beverages. For more information and tee times, call 1-815-234-GOLF (4653).



## 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

Open: 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

Time: Dark until 3 hours after dark

When: Saturdays (and Tuesdays in June, July, & August)

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. Come check out the new "residents!"

Open Hours: April 1 - October 31

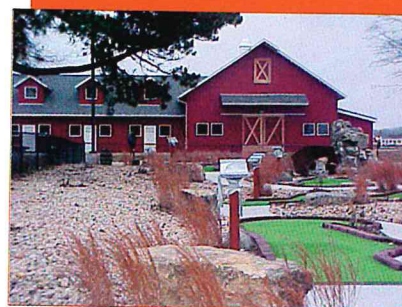
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Self-guided tours are free. A small fee may be charged for guided tours. Closed on holidays. Call 1-815-234-8535 ext. 217 for more information.



## Stone Quarry Recreation Park

Stone Quarry Recreation Park has something for everyone! Many programs and activities are offered at Stone Quarry Recreation Park all year round. Located at 6845 German Church Road, Byron. Call 1-815-234-8900 for more information.



### Stone Quarry Park Amenities:

#### Indoor

Party Room - capacity 300

Arcade Room

Food Factory

61" & 55" Big Screen T.V.s

Billiards Table

Juke Box

Air Hockey

#### Outdoor

Miniature Golf Course - \$4

Batting Cages - \$1 or \$3

Indoor/Outdoor Skate Park - \$3

Water Splash Area - FREE

Sand Volleyball Pit - FREE

Picnic Shelters - \$25

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