

Stone Quarry Hours

Thru May 1st

Mondays, Wednesdays
& Fridays~4-7pm
Tuesdays & Thursdays~4-8pm
Saturdays~11am-5pm
Sundays~1-5pm

May 2nd - May 29th

Monday-Friday~4-8pm
Saturday~11am-7pm
Sunday~Noon-5pm

Summer Hours

Monday-Saturday~11am-8pm
Sunday~11am-6pm

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

Admission Policy

The admission price is \$3 per person to access the park. This fee includes use of all park amenities including mini golf, batting cages, skate park, splash playground, horse shoe pits, volleyball courts, basketball courts, and playground. These activities are unlimited throughout your day at the park, so come out and play all you want!!

The batting cages are available for rental per hour or half hour. Please call 815-234-8900 for more information.

Made With Love ~ For Mom

Come and join us in making a card and craft for your mom or grandma for Mother's Day while enjoying pizza and pop. Each child will make one card and one craft.

Where: Stone Quarry Park
When: Wednesday, May 4
Time: 6-8 pm
Cost: \$15/person
Ages: 6-12
Min./Max.: 5 / 15

Please register by noon on
Monday before the program.



Made With Love ~ For Dad

Come and join us in making a card and craft for your dad or grandpa for Father's Day while enjoying pizza and pop. Each child will make one card and one craft.

Where: Stone Quarry Park
When: Wednesday, June 15
Time: 6-8 pm
Cost: \$15/person
Ages: 6-12
Min./Max.: 5 / 15

Please register by noon on Monday
before the program.

Mother's Day at the Park

On May 8th, from noon until 5 pm, every mom who comes to Stone Quarry Park with her family gets free park admission.

Father's Day at the Park

On June 19th, from noon until 5 pm, every dad who comes to Stone Quarry Park with his family gets free park admission.

Junk in the Trunk Sale

Tired of staring at all of that useless stuff cluttering up your garage? Is stuff falling out of your storage closets that you haven't used in years? How about your husband's old set of golf clubs that are accumulating more spider webs than double bogeys. Well, bring it all out to Stone Quarry to see if someone else can find a use for it. We will be renting out parking stalls and tables so you can try and sell all that STUFF!! You may bring your own tables for setup, or rent some of ours. Concession stand open all day

Where: Stone Quarry Park
When: Saturdays
May 7, June 4
July 2, August 6

Time: 8 am - 2 pm
Cost: \$10 / parking stall
\$5 / table (if needed)

Ages: All
Min./Max.: 5 / 10

Please register by noon on the Wednesday before the program.



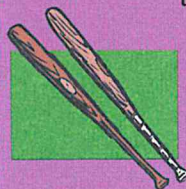
Batting Cage Special!

Grab your bat and your baseball buddies and head over to Stone Quarry Park for some pre-game batting practice!

**Buy one half hour,
get the second half hour free!**

Please call ahead to reserve your time. 815-234-8900

Must present coupon.



BMX Jam Session & Bike Contest

Grab your gear and come on out for Stone Quarry's third annual BMX contest and jam session! There are two classes available for entry, beginner and amateur. The contest is based on best run, which will be decided by a panel of judges. Each participant will have 45 seconds to complete their run. Following the contest will be a Best Freestyle Trick contest. When all the contests are complete, there will be an open jam session for all participants. Prizes will be awarded to best Freestyle trick, and the best overall run. You must be registered by 12:30 pm the day of the competition to compete.

Where: Stone Quarry Park

When: Saturday
August 20

Time: 11:30am-12:30pm
(registration)

Contest starts at 1 pm sharp!

Cost: \$10/person

Ages: 10 and up



*Sign up for
lessons today!
815-234-8900*

Skateboard Lessons Beginner/Intermediate

This class is for beginners and intermediate skaters. Participants must bring a skateboard, helmet, and water bottle to class. Knee, elbow, and wrist guards are strongly encouraged. Beginners will learn how to start, stop and drop in, ollies, basic ramp riding, balance, and tricks. Intermediate riders are taught skills and tricks based on their abilities. Participants should bring their own skateboards.

Where: Stone Quarry Park

When: Wednesdays
June 8, 15, 22, 29

Time: 9-10am

Cost: \$50/person / 4 weeks

Min./Max.: 5 / 10

Register by noon on June 6.



Glow-in-the-Dark Mini Golf

Come and join us for real glow-in-the-dark miniature golf, featuring translucent golf balls with miniature glow sticks inside, glowing cups and sticks all throughout our 18-hole outdoor course. We are offering this fun evening one Saturday per month throughout the summer. When the park closes to the public at 9 pm, the fun begins! Pizza and pop after golfing!

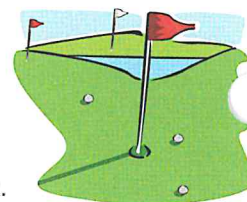
Where: Stone Quarry Park

When: Saturdays
May 28, June 25
July 16, August 13
9 pm sharp!

Time:

Cost: \$8/person
(inc. pizza & pop)

Ages: All
Register by noon
on the Wednesday
before the program.



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Matt Johnson Scholarship Fund Annual Mini-Golf Fundraiser

June 17, 2011 ~ 5-8 pm
Only \$15 per person
Stone Quarry Recreation Park

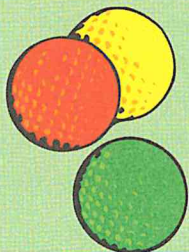
This event includes 18 holes of mini-golf, dinner from the Food Factory, and use of the skate park and batting cages. Please register by calling Stone Quarry Recreation Park at 1-815-234-8900. Your support as a participant, sponsor, or donor will allow this program to continue to help our local children. If you have questions or wish to donate or become a sponsor, please call Todd Tucker at 815-234-8535 x222.

In 2003, the Byron Forest Preserve Board of Commissioners announced the establishment of the Matt Johnson Scholarship Program by Dr. Robert and Holly Johnson of Byron. The Scholarship 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 Scholarship Program for the children of the Byron area.

To qualify for a Scholarship 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 that their child would benefit from this program to contact Executive Director Todd Tucker at 1-815-234-8535 x222 for more information.



Golf Leagues at PrairieView

PrairieView offers a variety of 9-hole leagues for men, women, and seniors. All of the league play is handicapped and includes all levels of golfers from relative beginners to more advanced players. 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 815-234-4653.

Senior Men's League

When: Wednesday Mornings
 Time: 8am (9am in spring and fall)
 Begins: April 27th
 Cost: \$10 for the required
 9-hole handicap
 \$1 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: May 11th
 Cost: \$60 per person
 (includes 9-hole
 handicap, year-end prize
 money, and banquet)
 Format: Two-Person Teams

Tuesday Ladies League

When: Tuesday Evenings
 Time: 5:30 pm
 Begins: April 12th
 Cost: \$35 includes 9-hole handicap
 \$1 per week for weekly game

*Sign Up
Today!*



Customer Appreciation Week

*Monday, April 18
through
Friday, April 22*

PrairieView will hold its annual spring customer appreciation week. During this week, golf is free and golfers need only to pay \$15 per person for carts. Tee times fill up quickly, so call 815-234-4653 to make sure you don't miss this great opportunity to play FREE golf!



The Spring Ultimate

An awesome two-person team event! This 27-hole, two-person team event combines 9 holes best ball, 9 holes scramble, and 9 holes alternate shot and is guaranteed to test your skills and patience.

Scheduled to start at 8 am on Sunday, May 15, 2011. PrairieView's Spring Ultimate is another great way to start your spring golfing. The cost is \$100 per person (\$70 for passholders) and includes 27 holes of golf, dinner, and drinks after golf, and over \$1,000 in prizes.

For more information, or to register, please call 815-234-4653.

Couples Nights

When: Every Friday evening May - September
Cost: \$20 (\$10 for pass holders)(Cost is per person per night)
Includes: Golf and Cart, Prizes, and your first drink after golf.
 (Great food and drink specials available too!)
Format: 4-Person Scramble
 Couples will be paired or you can sign up as a foursome.
Time: 5:30 pm - Shotgun start
 To participate, simply call the pro shop at 815-234-4653. You are guaranteed to have a great time!!

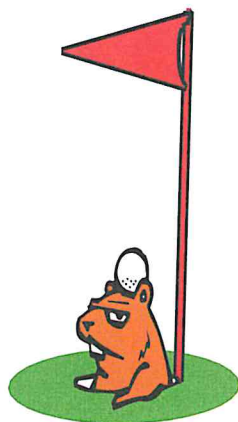
Junior Developmental Lessons & Parent Child Lessons

Junior developmental 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 May and run throughout the summer. The junior developmental lessons will be a series of six lessons for children ages 5-17. 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 234-GOLF.

Family Golf Night

New for the 2011 season, PrairieView will offer family golf night. Every Sunday evening, May through September, after 4 pm, kids 15 and under play free with a paying adult. The cost for an accompanying adult is \$20 which does include a riding golf cart for both the adult and the child.

Family golf night at PrairieView is the perfect opportunity to spend some quality time together, possibly introduce a new golfer to the game, enjoy the beautiful scenery PrairieView has to offer, and create memories that will last forever.



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 ages 9-17 with some previous golfing experience are encouraged to join. The league is scheduled for Tuesday mornings, will run the entire summer, and begins June 7th. The cost of the league is \$50 for children with season passes and \$75 for children without season passes.

We encourage parents to attend and volunteer. Registration forms are available at the clubhouse or on our website, prairieviewgolf.com. If you have any questions, call 815-234-4653.

Junior Tournaments

MAJGT Junior Open
 April 30th and May 1st
 (www.IJGA.org to register)

Junior Club Championship/
 Ogle County Junior
 July 14th

Parent/Junior
 July 31st

Registration forms for the Junior Club Championship and the Parent Junior are available at PrairieView. The tournaments are open to boys and girls age 7 and above. For more information or to register for the MAJGT Junior Open, please contact the Illinois Junior Golf Association at www.IJGA.org. If you have questions about any of the junior events, please call 234-4653.

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2011 Men's Association Event Schedule

<u>Date</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Event</u>
April 10th	Sunday	Masters Sunday Tournament
17th	Sunday	2 Person Best Ball
30th	Saturday	Spring Road Trip (Site TBA)
May 7th	Saturday	Individual Low Net and Closest to Pins
15th	Saturday	Spring Ultimate (27 holes) 9-Best ball, 9-Scramble, 9-Alternate shot
21st, 22nd	Saturday, Sunday	Gold Medal Classic
29th	Sunday	3 Person Teams
30th	Monday	Memorial Day Tournament
June 4th	Saturday	Timber Pointe Interclub Match (@ Timber Pointe)
5th	Sunday	Lincoln Highway Qualifying(27-holes)/also 18-hole event for non LHQ's
12th	Sunday	Beat the Pro #1
19th	Sunday	Fathers Day/Us Open Tournament
26th	Sunday	Skins
July 2nd	Saturday	Stableford Scoring System
3rd	Sunday	Individual Low Net and Closest to Pins
4th	Monday	5 Black Tees, 5 Blue Tees, 4 White Tees, 4 Yellow Tees
10th	Sunday	Survivors of Byron Fest
17th	Sunday	Beat the Pro #2
23rd, 24th	Saturday, Sunday	Club Championship (18 holes each day, Gross and Net Divisions)
31st	Sunday	4 Person Teams
August 7th	Sunday	2 Person Blind Partners
13th	Saturday	Aldeen Interclub Match (@ Aldeen)
14th	Sunday	PGA Sunday Tournament
21st	Sunday	2 person Best Ball
28th	Sunday	4 Person Teams
Sept. 4th	Sunday	Beat the Pro's #3
5th	Monday	Labor Day Tournament
10th	Saturday	Fall Road Trip (Site TBA)
11th	Sunday	Skins
18th	Sunday	Individual Low Net
25th	Sunday	Fall Ultimate (27 holes) 9-Best Ball, 9-Scramble, 9-Alternate Shot
Oct. 2nd	Sunday	2 Person Scramble
9th	Sunday	3 Person Teams
16th	Sunday	Chili Scramble (8:00 shotgun start followed by chili and football)
23rd	Sunday	Tough Course Day



In addition to the above schedule, we will conduct the PrairieView Match Play Championship. This Championship will be played at full handicap and seated by handicap at the time of the sign-up deadline.

Sign-up deadline	June 14 th
Brackets will be posted	June 17 th
First Round Matches completed by	July 5 th
Second Round Matches completed by	July 19 th
Third Round Matches completed by	August 2 nd
Semifinals completed by	August 16 th
Finals completed by	August 30 th



Men's Golf Association

What is the PrairieView Men's Golf Association?

It is an association for men age 18 and older. The association conducts various golf and social events throughout the year. Golf events include 9 and 18-hole events, interclub matches, and road trips to other courses. Various social events take place after golf. (Please see the 2011 schedule)

What does it cost to join?

The cost is **\$75** and includes your CDGA Handicap. If you have already paid your CDGA dues online or in the golf shop your cost to join would be \$45. (Cash or checks only) Make checks payable to the PrairieView Men's Association.

Are there any other costs?

The day of each event there will be various games you can enter. (ie. low gross, low net, partners) Each event will have a cost; however you can choose which games you want to enter. All the money collected will be paid back in cash or shop credit.

Do I have to be a pass holder to join?

No. Any man 18 or older is eligible to join. You would simply need to pay green fees the day of the event.

Who runs the events and how do they work?

The PrairieView golf staff will run all the events. Sign-up sheets will be posted in the men's locker room. You simply sign-up and we will do the rest. **All events are handicapped** so it does not matter if you are a scratch golfer or a 36 handicap. There is something in it for everyone. If you have any questions do not hesitate to call the golf shop at 815-234-4653.

How do I join?

Simply fill out the application and send payment to:
Make checks payable to
PrairieView Men's Golf Association

PrairieView Golf Club
PO Box 1075
Byron IL 61010



Name _____

Home Phone _____

Address _____

Work Phone _____

E-mail _____

Payment Method Cash _____ Check _____ (check # _____)

*Payment must accompany application

*Make checks payable to PrairieView Men's Association

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20th Annual Gold Medal Golf Classic

The event will take place at PrairieView on May 21st and May 22nd. It is open to men and women age 15 and above. The field will be placed into flights after Saturday's round based on the first round score and will include divisions for men, women, and seniors. Trophies and prizes will be awarded for each flight. The defending champion of the Gold Medal Classic is Andy Shiels of Rockford in the men's division, Hui Chong Dofflemyer of Belvidere in the ladies division, and Jeff Schad of Byron in the senior division. Other flight winners in 2010 include Anthony Ciaccio of Rockford (1st flight), and Brian Pond of Rockford (2nd flight).

The Gold Medal Classic will be the first major golf event of the year in the Byron/Rockford area. Help make this great event a success and play. For information on the event or to sign up, please call 815-234-4653.

Adult Golf Lessons

Both group and individual golf lessons at PrairieView begin mid-May and continue through October. Individual lessons can be scheduled at any time by calling the PrairieView clubhouse at 815-234-4653. 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 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

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 Timbe 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 2011 schedule of events promises to be more entertaining than ever (the schedule is printed in this issue).

The Men's Association is open to all male golfers 18 years and older. All events are handicapped and include all levels of golfers.

Check out our website at
www.prairieviewgolf.com!

New for 2011!! Daily Specials at SQ

Mondays - Dollar Days

\$1.00 admission for everyone
(2 and under are free)

Tuesdays - Family Deal



Family of four gets
four park admissions,
one pizza, and four
small drinks for \$20
(savings of \$6.25!).

Wednesdays - Wet Wednesday

Water games every Wednesday
from 1-3pm.

Thursdays - Thirsty Thursdays

All drinks in the concession
stand are 1/2 price (excludes
energy drinks).

~ Birthday Parties At Stone Quarry ~

Tired of cleaning up the mess after the big birthday party? Well, next time, have it at Stone Quarry! Our birthday party package includes two slices of pizza, a drink, and admission to the park for each guest. The park admission includes unlimited use of everything outside...splash playground, batting cages, mini-golf, skate park, basketball courts, and playground. All for only \$30 reservation fee and \$8/person. You can choose to have your party in several locations...the party room or one of our three outdoor shelters. Paintball parties are also available. Reserve your party now! Call Cheryl or Kristin at 815-234-8900.



~ Party Room Rentals ~

Looking for a large space to host your family reunion, anniversary party, or any other family, or group outing? Stone Quarry has the place for you! We have a large party room that can seat and hold 250 people. Along with the party room, we have a stage, podium, 60-inch television, 150 folding chairs, and 25 folding tables. This is the perfect place to host any outing, any time of the year. There is a separate fee for the use of our equipment if we set it up, and after-hour charges may apply to rentals extending beyond our typical hours. Call 815-234-8900 for more info!

Weiskopf Observatory



Summer Solstice

We'll discover the secrets of the sun
then make a sun dial.

Where: Weiskopf Observatory
When: June 21
Time: 10 am - Noon
Cost: FREE
Ages: All
Min/Max: 5 / 25

Register by noon on June 20.



Summer Star Clouds

Relax under the night skies and watch
the center of the Milky Way.

Where: Weiskopf Observatory
When: August 26 & 31
Time: 9 - 11 pm
Cost: FREE
Ages: All
Min/Max: 5 / 25

Register by noon on August 25 & 30.

Birthday Parties

Choose the Forest Preserve to organize your child's next birthday party. Call Richie at 815-234-8535 ext. 217 to schedule your next party. Themes include: Tea Party, Native Americans, Sky's the Limit, Goodness Snakes, Insects of Our World, and Where Do Butterflies Go When It Rains?

Deluxe Party

\$75 / 12 children

(additional \$30 for more
than 12 children)

(cake, ice cream, tableware,
birthday banner, and program)

Standard Party

\$45 / 12 children

(\$5/additional child)
(program only)

Canoe Rentals

We rent canoes! Just call us with your date and number of canoes needed. We'll haul you upstream on the Rock River and accompany you back to your vehicles at the River Park parking lot on River Road across from Heritage Farm.

Canoes are \$25 each and include paddles and life jackets. You must rent at least 3 canoes. Call Richie at 815-234-8535 ext. 217 for this unique and fun outing.
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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 North River Road, Byron, Illinois. 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.**

Outreach

We offer educational programs to any group including retirement homes and nursing facilities for a small fee. Using our nature staff and nature stuff, we come to you and deliver exciting and educational programs including:

- Birds of a Feather
- Indian Life (w/traditional dress)
- Animal Encounter (w/live animals)

***Call today to book your
next on-site program!***

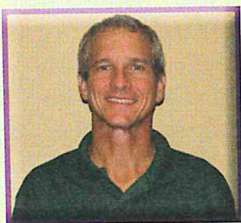
Field Trips

**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 guided 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 ext. 217 to schedule your next outing with us.

Rare Bird 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.



Jeff Huber Retires After 12 Years of Service

Byron Forest Preserve District Board Commissioner Jeff Huber will be retiring from the Board in May after completing his third term in office. Jeff has been instrumental in the major decisions made at the Forest Preserve over the last 12 years. He will be missed! An open house in Jeff's honor will be held on May 16, 2011, beginning at 6 pm at the Jarrett Prairie Center. Please join us!



New Superintendent of Finance / Human Resources

Byron Forest Preserve District welcomes Shawn McCammond to the staff as the new Superintendent of Finance / Human Resources. He and his wife, Sheila, have three children and reside in Byron. He graduated from Stillman Valley High School. He received his Accounting Degree from Carthage College in Kenosha, Wis. He loves to golf, fish, and spend time with his family. Shawn worked in the manufacturing sector for 16 years before joining the Forest Preserve staff in October 2010.



McCartney Goes Full-time

Matt McCartney has joined the Byron Forest Preserve Maintenance Department as a full-time worker as of January. He began working part-time at the Forest Preserve in 2009. Matt is responsible for maintaining several facilities at the Forest Preserve along with other various tasks and projects. He resides in Oregon with his fiancée, Morgan. They are expecting their first child in August. Matt is an avid hunter and fisherman.



Welker Joins Staff

Greg Welker is the new Assistant Superintendent of Golf Maintenance as of January. Greg worked for the District as an intern in 2003 and 2004 while completing his associates degree at Kishwaukee College then went on to receive his bachelors degree from SIU. For the last four years, he was an assistant at Prestwick Country Club. His experience within the industry, coupled with his love for the game of golf, are exactly why Greg is a great fit for PrairieView.



Henkel Promoted

Matt Henkel has been promoted to Golf Course Superintendent at PrairieView Golf Club. Matt is from the Amboy area where he resides with his wife, Cammie, and their two children, Ashton and Claire. He loves to hunt, fish, and spend time with his family. He has worked for the District since 2002. He's excited to face new challenges and looking forward to a great season!

Tuesday Morning Group

Come join us for a time of visiting, refreshments, and fun indoor projects including sorting, collating, preparing preschool crafts and items for graduation, cutting, labeling, and many other projects.

Where: Jarrett Prairie Center

When: First Tuesday
of each month

(September thru April)

Time: 8:30-11am

Cost: Free

*To volunteer, call Richie at
1-815-234-8535 ext. 217.*

Wednesday Woodshop Group

Come join the area men for coffee, donuts, 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

When: Wednesdays

Time: 9-11 am

Cost: Free

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 info, call 1-815-234-8535 ext. 217.

Individual and Family

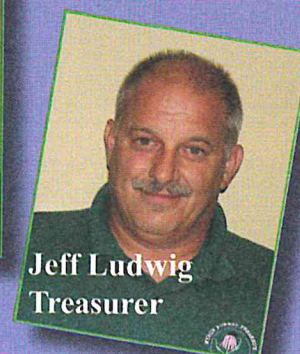
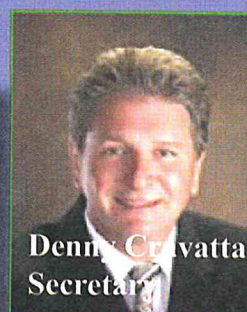
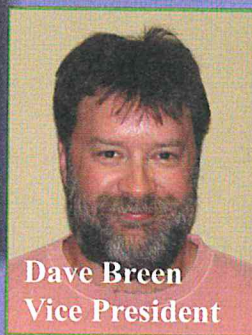
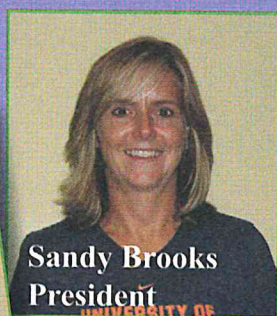
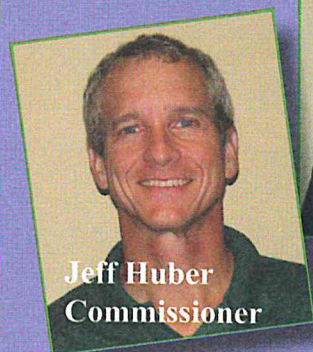
The Byron Forest Preserve has several volunteer opportunities for individuals and families interested in sharing their time for special events, programs of both educational and recreational orientation. These events and programs run throughout the year. For more information, call 1-815-234-8535 ext. 217.

Our Mission & Board

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.



Byron Forest Preserve District Board of Commissioners

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PrairieView Golf Club

German Church Road, Byron
815-234-4653
www.prairieviewgolf.com

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 Prairie Grass Pub is open for relaxing with your friends after a round of golf. Facilities are also available for rental for weddings, corporate outings, & reunions.



Weiskopf Observatory

7993 North River Road, Byron
815-234-8535 ext. 216
www.byronforestpreserve.com

View the stars and planets through our 11" Celestron telescope. Experienced staff will guide you through the skies. Free public viewing on Saturdays, year round and Tuesdays in June, July, and August. Open from dark until three hours after dark. Call for viewing conditions.



Jarrett Prairie Center

7993 North River Road, Byron
815-234-8535 ext. 200
www.byronforestpreserve.com

Habitat exhibits, dioramas, audio interpretation, and a spectacular view of the prairie are just a few of the features at the Jarrett Prairie Center which is open daily, year round. You will also see wetland, woodland, and prairie environments on display along with displays depicting pre-European settlement conditions. A gift shop is also available to purchase an awesome souvenir! Also available for rental.



Keller Education Center

7993 North River Road, Byron
815-234-8535 ext. 200
www.byronforestpreserve.com

Relax and enjoy watching the birds and wildlife from the many windows of our newest addition. Open daily for public viewing. Classrooms accommodate Forest Preserve programs and can be rented for family reunions, meetings, and other events.



Stone Quarry Recreation Park

6845 German Church Road, Byron
815-234-8900
www.stonequarrypark.com

Stone Quarry Recreation Park has something for everyone! Many programs and activities are offered all year round. Amenities include: arcade, pool table, mini-putt, batting cages, skate park, air hockey, playground, volleyball pit, basketball courts, horseshoe pits, and a water splash playground. Picnic shelters and a party room are also available for rental for reunions, company outings, and meetings.



Heritage Farm Museum

8059 North River Road, Byron
815-234-8535 ext. 217
www.byronforestpreserve.com

Enjoy a guided tour of this 1800s farm and museum with audio interpretation. Includes a grout house, corn crib, wind mill, "residents", and more! Open daily April 1-October 31. Self-guided tours are free. A small fee may be charged for guided tours.

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