

Byron Panorama

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ByronFest 2001

ByronFest 2001 July 13, 14, 15 is a venture of the Byron Chamber of Commerce and will be located in downtown Byron. The events will kick-off on Thursday, July 12 on the lawn of Neighbors Nursing Home with the annual Gospel Fest. On Friday, July 13 the festival grounds will open at 5:00 p.m. with 2 entertainment stages, carnival rides, the new Ultimate Sports experience for teens featuring the Adrenalin Rush and a Bungee Run and the Taste of Byron featuring over 19 different food vendors to select your favorite festival fare. The entertainment on Friday, July 13 will feature BJ & The Fossil Rockers/McMillian & Company, Clutch Cargo, The Fabulous Janes and Cryan' Shames.

Saturday, July 14 ByronFest kicks into full gear with Fun Run and 6K run at the Byron Forest Preserve. Shortly after the runs, the 3 on 3 Hoops will get rolling in their new indoor location P.E. Center and the men's/women's softball tournament will be on going throughout the day at the Byron High School baseball complex.

The annual Hib Reber Memorial Car, Truck and Bike show will begin at 8 am on Saturday, July 14 and will again be located on the grounds of the United Church of Byron at the corner of Colfax and Second Street. Just three blocks down the Arts/Craft show will open in the retail district at 9 a.m. on Saturday and continue on Sunday. In the Lucius Read House a Quilt Show will be open sponsored by the Byron Food Mart and the Byron Museum District over 30 beautiful handmade quilts will be on display both Saturday and Sunday. Throughout the day on Saturday entertainment will rock the stages with such names as Crush Ivy, World Class Noise, Blind Man's Bluff, Usual Suspects and the ever popular Fat Cat and Blooze Brothers. We also will have various local teen bands providing entertainment throughout the afternoon and early evening on Saturday. Our popular Children's area will be available for those preschool to 4th grade with carnival games, water games, chalk drawing and prizes for everyone.

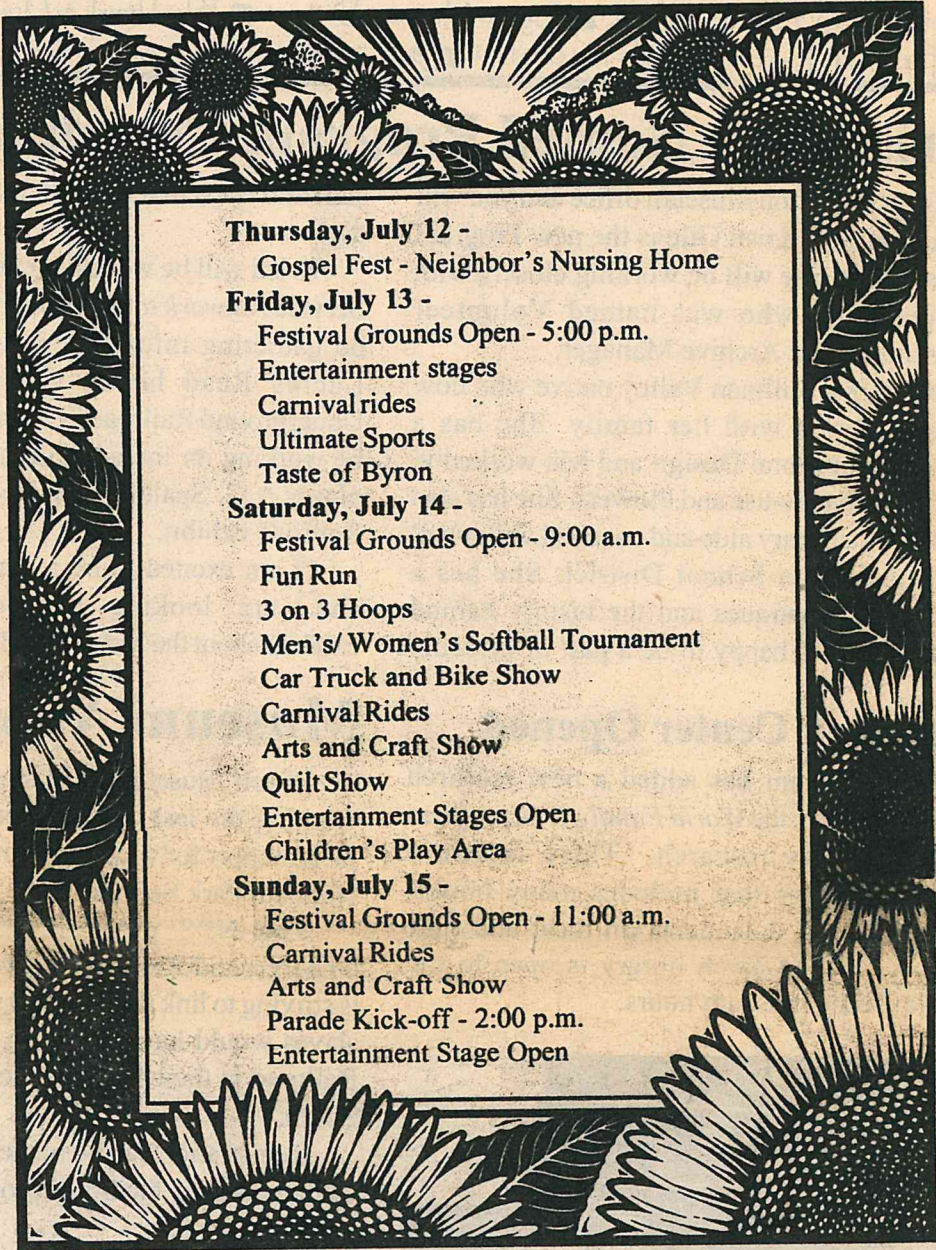
Sunday the festival grounds open at 11 a.m. with the carnival rides continuing along with the Arts & Crafts show. The outstanding parade will kick off at 2 p.m. on Third Street for all those parade enthusiasts. Our entertainment will continue with Bare Bone, The NewPort Project, DeJaVu and Men of Our Times. Be sure to mark you calendar with this exciting weekend and become a part of this great three-day festival. Fore more information on exact times and locations for all the festival vents please call the Byron Chamber of Commerce at 234-5500. (Publishers note: The entertainment schedule listed is subject to change.)

ByronFest 2001 Looking for Volunteers

The ByronFest 2001 steering committee is looking for Volunteers. If you are interested in participation with this three-day festival as a ticket or button seller, volunteer security patrol, host/hostess, office volunteer please call the Byron Chamber of Commerce at 234-5500.

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Thursday, July 12 -
Gospel Fest - Neighbor's Nursing Home

Friday, July 13 -
Festival Grounds Open - 5:00 p.m.
Entertainment stages
Carnival rides
Ultimate Sports
Taste of Byron

Saturday, July 14 -
Festival Grounds Open - 9:00 a.m.
Fun Run
3 on 3 Hoops
Men's/ Women's Softball Tournament
Car Truck and Bike Show
Carnival Rides
Arts and Craft Show
Quilt Show
Entertainment Stages Open
Children's Play Area

Sunday, July 15 -
Festival Grounds Open - 11:00 a.m.
Carnival Rides
Arts and Craft Show
Parade Kick-off - 2:00 p.m.
Entertainment Stage Open

Heritage Farm Museum Grand Opening June 23-24

Mark your calendar for the grand opening of Heritage Farm Museum. The Museum is located on River Road before the entrance to the Forest Preserve. June 23-24 are the dates and we will have lots of fun and entertainment. Along with the ribbon cutting of the museum, see the list of events below:

- Saturday, June 23**
8:00-11:00 a.m. Key Club Pancake Breakfast
9:00-4:00 p.m. Rock Run Rifles Living History Encampment
9:00-4:00 p.m. Early American Crafters - items for sale
1:00 p.m. Ribbon Cutting, dignitaries
1:00-4:00 p.m. Kiwanis Club Pork Chop grill
1:30 - BJ and the Fossil Rockers- musical entertainment
7:00-8:00 p.m. Lee Murdock Fold Musician
- Sunday - June 24**
9:00-4:00 p.m. Rock Run Long Rifles Living History encampment
Call 234-8535 - ext. 217 for more details.
Please bring your families as we celebrate our heritage with a unique look into our past.



Byron Forest Preserve News

7993 North River Road, Byron (815) 234-8535

Preservation • Education • Recreation



Free Summer Outdoor Concerts

Bring a lawn chair or blanket to enjoy music at its finest on our beautiful prairie stage.

ALL CONCERTS ARE ON SUNDAY EVENINGS AND BEGIN AT 7:00 PM

JULY 8: Jones Family String Band -

This family band has performed all over Northern Illinois at folk festivals. Tom and Ann Jones operate the Jones Family Music School when not performing themselves.

JULY 22: Maggie McGuire -

These Irish musicians won a Rockford Area Music Industry Award for World Music in 2000. They are sure to delight the audience with lively jigs performed with fiddle, flute, dulcimer, and more.

AUGUST 12: Country Sunshine -

These Bluegrass musicians perform regularly in Rockford. They bring an energetic sound that will surely entertain young and old.

AUGUST 26: Jim Kanas -

Jim was one of the first performers ever at ByronFest. He is an award winning jazz guitarist and also a seasoned folk musician. The Chicago Tribune calls Kanas ".....a master.....".

*SEPTEMBER 9:

Great Lakes Navy Band - This incredibly talented group of musicians travels around the U.S. playing many styles of music. Their Jazz Ensemble is scheduled to appear for your enjoyment.

SEPTEMBER 23:

Grandfather Clocks - This talented Barbershop Quartet has won many contests for their singing including 1st place in the Illinois District Senior contest. They have performed for all types of public and private functions and look forward to entertaining you.

*Subject to routine 60 day approval process.



This series is partially supported by a grant from the Rockford Area Arts Council which receives funding from the City of Rockford, the Illinois Arts Council, and its members.

Byron Forest Preserve Preschool

Would your child like to learn your alphabet with a HUNGRY LITTLE WORM?

Would your child like to learn how to count by jumping and hopping?

Would your child like to laugh and play games and sing songs about animals and the weather?

Would your child like to walk in the woods and follow a path through the Prairie?

Would your child like to follow a White tail deer trail to a meadow?

For more information or to register, come to the Jarrett Prairie Center at the Byron Forest Preserve.



Pictured above: Artists reception held at the JPC. Joel Bowling identifies various items for the public.

Heritage Farm Museum Volunteer Prepares for Open House



Pictured above: Volunteer Helen Debnam working at the Heritage Farm House. She's seen working on displays for the grand opening on June 23-24th.

Recycling Station

The Byron Forest Preserve, in conjunction with the Ogle County Solid Waste Management Department, has established a recycling station at the Forest Preserve. 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.

Crafters Needed

The Byron Forest Preserve's Tenth Annual Holiday Craft Show will be held on Saturday and Sunday, November 17-18, 2001 at the Jarrett Prairie Center, 7993 N. River Road, Byron, IL. We are expanding the show this year by adding another day. Booths are still available. This show offers over 35 exhibitors with a wide variety of unique, handmade crafts. Since this is a juried show, items must be previewed before a booth reservation is accepted. If you are interested in reserving a booth, call 815-234-8535.

"Annual Volunteer, Corporate Partner, and Staff Recognition Dinner Held"



Forest Preserve Board President Doug Knodle, presents a gift to George Ashby for his 7 years of service to the Forest Preserve.



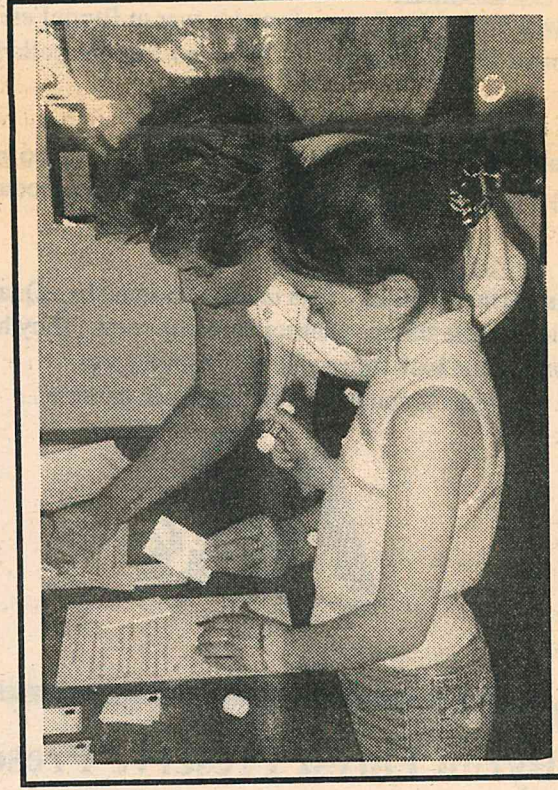
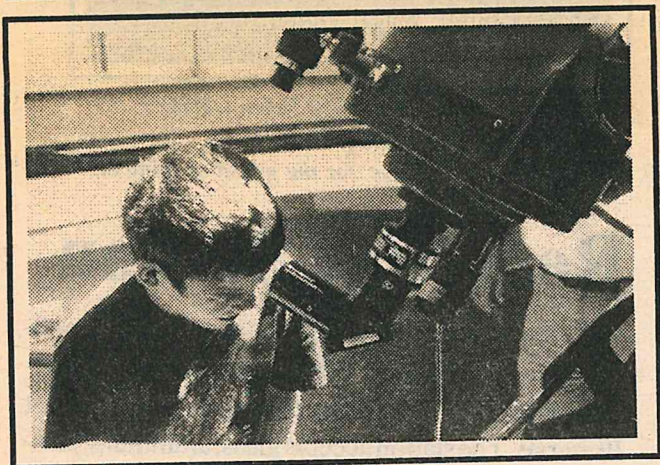
Pictured on left: Corporate partners recognized: Byron Bank, Stillman BanCorp, Quality Metal Finishing, Glendenning Fertilizer, and Norup Trenching. Thanks to all of them for their many contributions to the Forest Preserve. Back Row, Sandy Brooks, Gene Smith, Ray McCracken, George Ashby, Front Row: Rich Meyer, Darlene King and Matt Bortoli.

Pictured below: Thanks to the volunteers for their many hours of labor contributed to the Forest Preserve.

George and family at a reception held at the JPC in recognition for his years of service as a Forest Preserve Board Member.



Astronomy Day Program



Astronomy Day Program held on April 28 at Weiskoph Observatory. Approximately 75 people attended the event. They saw the sun through various telescopes and made crafts.

Let your child enjoy the many special programs at the Jarrett Center including summer camp, birthday parties, and adventure club.



Rock River Valley Wild Ones

May 26 - Plant Sale Pick - up -

Native plants ordered from County Road Greenhouse will be available for pick-up - Contact Fran Lowman at (815) 874-4895 for details

June 21 - 7:00-9:00 PM Free - Tour of Enders Greenhouse Special discount on plants for Wild Ones members - Anne Meyer - Owner, Enders Greenhouse

July 28 - Native Landscape Tour - Fee TBD - Contact Fran Lowman at 815 874-4895 for details

August TBA

September 15 - Autumn on Prairie - Free - Join the festivities at this annual prairie celebration - Nachusa Grasslands

Jarrett Center Showcase

I'm sure that many of you have noticed the large showcase next to the theater in the lobby of the Jarrett Center. That showcase is the home of our monthly special exhibits. Each month the showcase houses a different exhibit. Some exhibits are related to native Americans, Wildlife, Art, History, Local people or events and just about any other topic you can think of. Often there is an educational program or an artists\reception to go along with the monthly exhibit. It's a great way to learn about Northern Illinois and gives you something different to see each month. Most of 2001 is scheduled already but we are always looking for new ideas and people to fill our showcase or present a program to the public.

What's coming up:

Wildlife Illustration -Dale Allison

In June the Jarrett Prairie Genter will host the artwork of Mr. Dale Allison. Mr. Allison enjoys painting native American animals in their natural habitat. His love of the environment really shows in his renderings of wolves, eagles, deer and other animals. Mr Allison works in acrylics and watercolors. His pieces will be on display from June 2-25 and will be for sale throughout the show. Reception- Meet the artist. Mr. Allison will be on hand to greet the public and answer questions about his work on Thursday June 28 from 6:30- 7:30 PM.

Kyle Art in Stained Glass- Kyle Clardy

In July, Klye Clardy will show off his unique art in stained glass. Kyle has been a man of many professions and many visions. Stained glass has always been his favorite way to express his artistic nature. Although he has done works on most any theme his favorite pieces are those based on mother nature herself. The green man alone is worth coming out to see. Kyle's works will be on display form July 1-27. Kyle is very busy this time of year and will not have a reception but many of his works will be for sale through out the exhibit.

Confiscated by the US Fish and Wildlife Service- Michael R. Iacomini

Michael Iacomini is a wildlife inspector of the US Fish and Wildlife Service. He works at O'Hare airport where he keeps a close eye on what people bring in and out of the country. In the month of August the showcase will house an exhibit of items confiscated by the USFWS. You'll find out why it is illegal to transport many wildlife related items. Mr. Iacomini will present a program on Thursday, August 9th at 7:00 PM. He will bring items that he has personally confiscated from people at the airport. You'll be amazed!

Outhouse Archeology-Bruce Cale

The month of September is Illinois Archaeology Awareness Month. The showcase will house an exhibit on Outhouse Archeology by the Byron Historical Museum. Bruce Cale a veteran of hundreds of such digs will host an outhouse dig in the Byron area in the month of September where you can see and maybe even help dig for yourself.

Forest Preserve Summer Day Camp

Believe it or not, summer is here. Here at the Forest Preserve, we will again offer our popular summer day camp. For 10 weeks this summer we will offer 5 two week sessions that will have your children screaming for more as we swim at Lake Louise, hike nature trails, and travel to exciting places.

Session 1 - Fur, Feathers, Tooth, & Claw

Dates: June 11-22 Time: Monday-Friday, 9-4 p.m.

Session 2 - A River through Time

Dates: June 25-July 6 *No camp July 4th
Time: Monday-Friday, 9-4 p.m.

Session 3 - Wigwams and Wagons

Dates: July 9-20 Time: Monday-Friday, 9-4 p.m.

Session 4 - Who's eating Who?

Dates: July 23-August 3 Time: Monday-Friday, 9-4 p.m.

Session 5 - Survivor

Dates: August 6-August 17 Time: Monday-Friday, 9-4 p.m.

All summer camp sessions will include two free field trips to Lake Louise for swimming and other aquatic sports and two free field trips to other area attractions. Call 234-8535 for more information.

Cost per session is \$130 per child grades 1-5. The session that includes the 4th of July will be \$117 per child.

Heritage Farm

The Heritage Farm Committees have worked long and hard in order to open the farm site to the public on June 23rd. I'm sure the public will enjoy the opening event and appreciate the Heritage Farm as an asset to the community. Byron has a historic house museum and a fine one at that, so why should the public look forward to yet another historic museum in Byron? Our goal from the beginning has been to emphasis the early farming aspect of the site. Most children today live in a city. Even in Byron, many of the families live in housing developments. Who remembers what it was like to live on the farm? Our grandfathers baled the hay and our grandmothers milked the cows and their grandfathers and grandmothers before them. It would be a shame if the children growing up today never had any idea what their forefather did or where they came from.

Our goal at the Heritage Farm site is to give you the feel of being on the farm in the 1840's through the turn of the century. The barn committee from the beginning has worked to make sure that the people coming to the site can walk in the old barns and get some idea of the time and work involved in living on the farm. The site is designed to be more interactive than a museum. As you walk from the house to the corn crib and to the barn, you can see what it was like to get up in the morning and do your chores before breakfast, take a break under an old oak tree and feel the grass under your feet, shell the corn by hand and watch the windmill pump water up from the well. These are the things that you will be able to do at the Heritage farm. Things that help you to feel closer to those distant relatives from the past that we all have. Your great great grandparents who lived on the farm would be glad to know that their way life hasn't disappeared completely. Perhaps you and your children can come out and experience a little bit of farm life for yourself.

Backyard Astronomy 2001

When's the last time you took time to wonder at the stars. To show them to a child or friend. To explore the depths of space from your own backyard. Here's your chance to become familiar with our old friends the stars. To rediscover the wonders of the night sky. We will learn how to identify the constellations and discover what equipment to use and how to use it. Activities and demonstrations will focus on a different topic each month. Program days and times vary. If weather permits, there will be time afterward for skyviewing. Binoculars are always helpful. Cost is \$2.00 per person with a \$10.00 family max. Programs are geared for families and interested persons 7 years and up.

May 7 Monday -8-9 p.m Rabbit and the Moon - we'll take a walk out to a prairie hilltop under the light of full moon and look for rabbit in the moon.

June 14 - Thursday - 7:30-8:30 p.m. New Telescope Blues - Having trouble using your new or old telescope? Bring it in and we'll show you how to get the most out of it.

July 26 - Thursday - 8-9 p.m. We are Here - We'll use hands-on activities to explore our place in the universe. Fun for all ages.

August 11 - Saturday - 8-12 p.m. Shooting Stars Meteor Watch - The Perseids are here, bring your warm clothes, chairs, blankets and/or sleeping bags, hot drinks and munchies and plan to spend several hours watching for meteors.

Sept. 13 - Thursday 7:30-8:30- p.m. Stories Under the Stars Join us at the fire pit for a fun filled hour of stellar storytelling and star lore.

Celebrate Your Birthday at the Forest Preserve!

We will provide a safe, nature-oriented environment, crafts, games, and activities relating to the theme chosen. There's something for everyone! All parties last two hours and have a maximum of 15 children ages 5 and up. Standard Party \$5 per child, \$50 minimum Adults are responsible for refreshments, party favors, decorations, and will help with cleanup. Deluxe Party \$10 per child, \$50 minimum We will provide cake, ice cream, punch, a birthday banner, and all cleanup.

Party Themes

Native Americans -Experience the way of life of the Native Americans and make your own Indian child's toy to take home!

The Sky's The Limit -Enter a real working observatory and explore the stars, moons, and planets. Create a galaxy in a jar or other craft to take home!

Snakes Are Terrific -Meet a real live snake up close and get a feel for how they live, then make your own pet snake to take home!

Creepy Crawlies -Discover the amazing world of bugs, then make and race your own tumble bug or other craft.

Butterflies Are Fun -Where does a butterfly go when it rains? Have fun acting out this story and make a butterfly mobile to hang in your room!

To schedule your next birthday party, call the Byron Forest Preserve District at 815-234- 8535 ext. 202.

WANTED: VOLUNTEERS

COME ONE!

ALL AGES*

ALL INTERESTS*

COME ALL!

ALL SHAPES & SIZES*



The Byron Forest Preserve offers numerous and varied volunteer opportunities at the Jarrett Prairie Center, the Prairie Preserve and the Prairie View Golf Course. ALL volunteers are welcome and needed to assist with any or all of the following projects, to name a few:



- *Beekeeping
- *Bluebird Houses
- *Filling Divots
- *Gift Shop
- *Greeting Visitors
- *Halloween on the Prairie
- *Harvesting Seeds
- *Junior Golf Tourney
- *Maple Syrup-Making
- *Museum Operation

- *Nature Walks
- *Observatory
- *Operation Santa Claus
- *Organizing the Library
- *Prairie Restoration
- *Ranger Rick Program
- *Teaching
- *Tuesday Volunteer Group
- *NEW WOODSHOP!
- *MUCH MORE!

The Byron Forest Preserve has many projects and Special Events that would greatly benefit from your assistance and expertise as the district continues to grow and develop new programs for the Prairie, Museum, Gift Shop & Golf Course.

- *Choose a time to volunteer that fits your schedule!
- *Join us each Tuesday for fun projects from 8:30-11:30am
- *Count your volunteer time as a Class Project!
- *Make it an Eagle Scout Award or Silver/Gold Award Project!

FOR MORE INFORMATION: CALL KIM AT 815-234-8535 X203

It's A Sticky Business



Beekeeper Jeff Ludwig places "brood builder" into the hives. Brood builder is a pollen substitute mixed with honey and vitamins to stimulate the colony to start rearing brood.



These hives are located on a path behind the Maintenance Service Center at the Byron Forest Preserve District. For a safer view of the busy bees, there is an observation hive at the Jarrett Prairie Center Museum, 7993 North River Road, Byron.

Beekeeper Jeff Ludwig does an early spring inspection of a colony of bees that made it through the harsh winter months. Only three of thirty colonies survived the winter.



Weather permitting, there will be honey available around the end of July. The honey is sold at the Jarrett Prairie Center Gift Shop located at 7993 North River Road, Byron. You may also purchase honey from Miz Bee Haven, a company owned and operated by Jeff Ludwig and Mike Mann. Please call Jeff Ludwig at 234-8357 or Mike Mann at 234-5794.

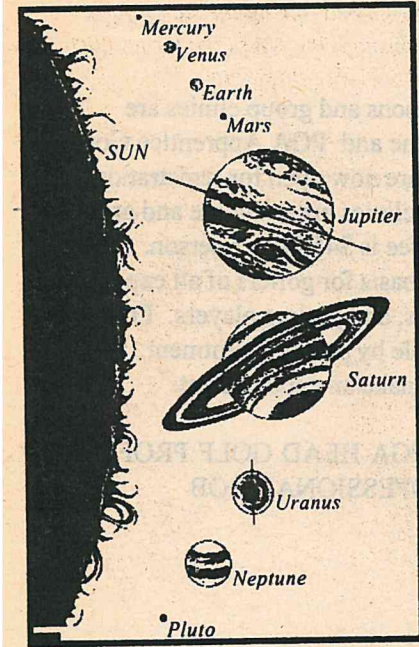


STAR NOTES

June is the month for Mars! It is at it's closest to us this month as we catch up to and pass it in our orbit. It can be found between the constellations Sagittarius and Scorpio in the southern sky. It glows a bright orange-gold, compare it's color to that of reddish Antares nearby. Higher in the west lies the Coma/Virgo Cluster of galaxies. A realm of dim, fuzzy glows, this group lies 65 million light years from Earth. The cluster contains about 3,000 galaxies, many of the brighter ones can be seen as faint glows in a medium telescope. Nearby Her- cules holds the bright globular cluster, M13, a fuzzy ball containing about 300,000 stars, just a small part of our own galaxy.

July brings the return of the Summer Triangle, three bright stars that seem to dominate the summer sky. They are Altair, Deneb and Vega and each holds it's place in it's own constellation, highlighting the Eagle, the Swan and the Lyre. The Swan seems to fly along the Milky Way and holds the prettiest double star in the sky. Come out to the observatory on a clear, dark viewing night and ask to see Albireo. Lyra also holds a multiple star. Epsilon Lyrae is four stars held together by gravity and is often called the double double. It takes a high power and still night to see all four stars. Mars continues to shine in the south throughout the month and it is the only naked eye planet visible in the evening.

August-Sagittarius and Scorpio lead our eyes into the center of our galaxy. Here, star clouds and nebula abound and the Milky Way is easy to see. The Lagoon Nebula shows up nicely in a telescope, as do the open clusters M11, M23, M6, M7 and many more. The bright star Vega rides high over- head and Pegasus, the flying horse, puts in an appearance low in the east. The highlight of the month will be the Perseid Meteor shower. Active July 17-August 24, Perseid's seem to come from the constellation Perseus, hence their name. See the



Backyard Astronomy schedule for the Shooting Stars Meteor Watch on Saturday, August 11. Public Viewing nights are on Satur- days and Tuesdays of each month. They start about dark weather permitting and are free. The Observatory is closed if it is cloudy, please call (815)-234-

8535 to confirm viewing conditions. Please dress for the weather as the dome is not heated or air condi- tioned. The Weiskopf Observatory is also available for private tours. The program includes fun and inter- esting activities relating to constellations, the Solar system, stars and star movements, telescopes and constellation myths. Cost is \$2.00 per person and tours can be arranged by calling Lisa at the above number, extension 232.

On the Prairie News...

Summer Nature Walks

Summer is the time for nesting and raising families. Many young birds and animals are already out and about, learning to survive. It seems that each week something new bursts into bloom in the prairie. From Butterfly Milkweed to Pale Purple Coneflower and Showy Goldenrod there is always another color to delight the eyes. Nature walks provide a chance for folks to explore the byways of the forest preserve, discovering hidden corners and natures beauty. Binoculars, long pants and comfortable walking shoes are recommended.

Indigo Hike
June brings the transition between delicate spring wildflowers and hardy summer ones. This month we'll walk the prairie hills looking for the turtle shaped humps of Cream Indigo and the tall flower spikes of White Indigo. We'll also check out other blooming wildflowers and do some birding along the way.

Location: Jarrett Prairie Center
Day/Date: Saturday, June 16
Time: 6:30-8:30
Instructor: Lisa Johnson
Fee: \$2.00

Coneflower Walk
Late June and early July should bring us Pale-purple Coneflower blossoms. Some of the hillsides out here are just covered with them. We'll explore those hills and check out other blooming plants as well as our summer resident birds.

Location: Jarrett Prairie Center
Day/Date: Saturday, July 7
Time: 6:30-8:30 p.m.
Instructor: Lisa Johnson
Fee: \$2.00

Blazingstar Ramble
Now the hills are starting to shift into yellows as the sunflowers and goldenrods begin to bloom. Imagine the delight of discovering the vibrant pinkish purples of the blazingstars amidst the yellow. That's what we'll do and we'll probably spot some bright colored birds along the way too.

Location: Jarrett Prairie Center
Day/Date: Saturday, August 18
Time: 6-8 p.m.
Instructor: Lisa Johnson
Fee: \$2.00

Junior Naturalist Summer Programs

If you're looking for a great learning experience in the outdoors this summer why not try our Junior Naturalist Summer Programs for kids ages 8-12. These will be 4 day programs that meet in the mornings from 9-11:30. This will be an active program for those who want to get outside and get dirty. The cost is \$30.00 per program and there are 3 programs to choose from (or sign up for all 3). Call the Byron Forest Preserve at 234-8535 or stop in to sign up. Don't miss out. We can only take 14 kids and it's first come first serve. So sign up now and get some hands on experience in the wild!

- July 9-12 Winged Descendants of Dinosaurs
Come learn about the connections between birds and dinosaurs. Look for nests, climb trees, see how birds eat.
- July 23-26 Outdoor Adventures
Explore the great outdoors, look for snakes, salamanders and other gorgeous animals. It's a Crocodile Hunters paradise!
- Aug. 6-9 Life on the Prairie
Learn about the unusual plants that grow only on the prairie. Find out how pioneers managed to live in this strange sea of grass.

Adventure Club for 3-5 yr. olds

During the summer of 2001 the Byron Forest Preserve will offer for children 3-5 years of age a great new experience every two weeks. They will come for 2 hours per day and two days per week. Each two week session will be a different learning experience with a cost of \$30 per session. Camps are Mon-Wed. 9-11 a.m. or 1-3 p.m. & Tues.- Thurs. 9-11 a.m. or 1-3 p.m.

- June 11-21 Squishy, Squashy, Damp and Mushy - Learn about the insects and animals that live around and in a pond. Perhaps a field trip to a pond.
- June 25 - July 5 - Crazy about Critters - Where do ants and worms live? What will we find under a log or rock? Watch out where you are stepping!
- July 9 - 19 Under the Sea - What if you were a mermaid or a jelly fish, what would you eat or play with while you lived Under the Sea!
- July 23 - Aug 2 - What Happened To All the Dinosaurs? Use your imagination, be a paleontologist to discover the mysteries of the Dinosaur. A visit to the Burpee Dinosaur exhibit will be the highlight. To register come to the Jarrett Prairie Center at 7993 River Road in Byron. Or call 234-8535.

PrairieView Golf Course News

North German Church Road, Byron (815) 234-GOLF(4653)

Plan to Enjoy Summer Activities at Golf Course

With summer fast approaching, golfers at PrairieView are anxiously looking forward to another fun-filled season of activities including golf leagues for every member of the family, golf lesson programs, new tournaments to enter, and special events such as the PrairieView Junior Fund-raiser. Don't delay in coming out soon to help find that long forgotten golf swing.

Aided by recent favorable weather, everything is shaping up on the course for another great season. PrairieView maintenance staff have been very busy of late fine grooming the course for the upcoming summer season while still working on ongoing projects such as the new tee construction on holes #6, #11, #12, & #13. Our new four green short game practice center is expected to open within the next few weeks with anticipated great reviews. New events have been added to our busy summer schedule such as the State Farm Collegiate Player's Tour State Championship on July 30, 31, and August 1. With a goal to become the permanent site for this event, PrairieView is proud to welcome collegiate male and female golfers from throughout the midwest and nation.

These are just a small sample of the many activities, projects, and improvements that continue to make PrairieView Golf Course the finest public facility in this region. We encourage everyone to take advantage of this significant community asset and we look forward to seeing you soon.

Popular "VIP" Pre-Pay Cards Available At Golf Shop!

PrairieView's "VIP" prepay debit card program continues to gain in popularity with golfers every year by providing significant savings on green fees, golf cart rentals, and practice balls. Another new convenient feature this year and sure to be popular, is the elimination of the need for separate PrairieView ID/pass cards and VIP cards - one card does it all now!

"VIP" cardholders qualify for daily discounts on cart fees (up to 20% off), on green fees (up to 30% off), and practice balls (up to 50% off). Your own personal "VIP" card can also be used for many other clubhouse purchases such as golf merchandise, concession items, golf lessons, and more. For resident discount cardholders, all "VIP" green fee discounts are in addition to the regular lower resident card rates.

Besides the traditional multiuse "VIP", PrairieView also offers a limited use "VIP" cards for non-green and cart items such as merchandise or concession purchases. Issued in dollar amounts as low as \$25, these cards are great for junior golfers in the family and eliminates the need to carry cash.

Give us a call now or stop by the golf shop and we will be happy to tell you about other great "VIP" features such as it's two year expiration. For that much appreciated gift that will please any golfer in the family, a "VIP" card makes a perfect choice any time of the year. "VIP" brochures and complete information are available at the PrairieView clubhouse. Call 234-4653 for more information.

Hours of Operation / Reservation Information

PrairieView's golf course and practice facilities summer hours of operation are 6 a.m. to dusk, Monday - Sunday from April 21 to Monday, September 3, Labor Day.

Reserve tee reservations are available seven days a week for tee times before 4 p.m. Byron residents and PrairieView season passholders may make a reserve tee time up to 8 days in advance, otherwise reserve tee times are available 7 days in advance. Please call 234-GOLF to make your reservation. For weekend and holiday reservations, be prepared to give either your resident ID number, pass number, or a Mastercard/Visa/or Discover charge card number in order to guarantee your reservation. Junior season passholders, as in the past, do not have tee time reservation privilege.

2001 Golf Fees/Cart Fees

	Weekend/ Holiday 9/18 holes	Weekday Mon.-Fri. 9/18 holes
Daily Green Fee:	\$18 / \$30	\$15 / \$24
County*	16 / 26	13 / 20
Resident*	12 / 20	10 / 16
Senior**		
Daily	—	\$12 / \$20
County*	—	10 / 16
Resident*	—	8 / 12
Junior**		
Daily	\$13 / \$17	\$10 / \$14
County*	11 / 14	9 / 12
Resident*	9 / 11	8 / 10
Twilight	3pm	4pm
Daily	\$18	\$15
County*	16	13
Resident*	12	10
		(4/15-8/31)
Twilight	5pm	6pm
Daily	\$14	\$12
County*	12	10
Resident*	8	8
36 Holes w/Cart	—	\$60

* Ogle County or Byron resident rates with resident I.D. cards only.

**Senior/Junior rates: before 3 p.m. weekdays and junior rates after 3 p.m. weekends/holidays. Seniors 60 & over and juniors 18 & under by 10-31-01.

Beginner Group Lessons Available!

For the 2001 golf season, private golf lessons and group clinics are available from PGA Golf Professional Ken Ledene and PGA Apprentice Golf Professional Rob Hutzler. Special group clinics are now open for registration for men and women. Both daytime and evening clinics are available and are especially well suited for beginners. The clinic fee is \$45.00 per person.

Golf instruction is available on a regular basis for golfers of all experience levels and for all age groups - adults, seniors, and juniors players. Private lessons offered singly or in series are also available by prior appointment. Please call 234-4653 for more information or to make an appointment.

GOLF LESSONS AVAILABLE FROM PGA HEAD GOLF PROFESSIONAL KEN LEDENE & ASSISTANT PROFESSIONAL ROB HUTZLER.

Private Lesson Rates:

	SINGLE 1/2 hr. / 1 hr. (1) person	SERIES (4) 3/4 hr/ (1) person	SERIES 4 (3/4) hr. (2) people
Adult	\$22 / \$38	\$95	\$140
Junior	\$16 / \$28	\$75	\$110

* Call 234-4653 for latest group lesson schedule. Classes available for beginners and advanced beginners - both day and evening classes available.

Schedule of PrairieView Open Play Leagues and Tournaments:

PrairieView GC hosts or cosponsors the following golf leagues. Call the Pro Shop at 234-4653 to inquire about participating in a league or for more information.
** Indicates a league where participants may join at any time.

League Play:

- Junior Tuesday/Thursday League ** - starts June 7 at 7 am (9 & 18 holes) - play scheduled on one of these two days weekly.
- Ladies' Tuesday Leagues ** - started April 17 / (9 holes) open to ladies of all abilities.
- Morning League ... tee off at 9:00 am
- Evening League ... tee off at 5:00 - 5:30 p.m.
- * Men's Wednesday Senior League ** - started April 4 at 9 am (9 holes) summer hours will be earlier/ open to any senior over 50.
- * Men's Wednesday Evening League - starts May 23 at 5:00 p.m. - 8 two-man teams / substitutes needed.
- * Men's Thursday League - started May 11 at 6 am (9 holes) - 15 week schedule with eight two-man teams / substitutes needed.

PrairieView Tournaments & Special Golf Events:

- May 12 - Spring Ultimate - 27 Holes / two-man teams
- June 9/10 - Men's Lincoln Highway Qualifying - 36 holes
- June 23 - 6th Annual Junior Fund-raiser
- July 14/15 - 78th Annual Men's Lincoln Hwy at Clinton CC, Clinton Iowa - 54 holes over 2 days
- July 30/31 & Aug 1 - Collegiate Championship of Illinois - 54 holes plus pre-tournament college-am event
- Aug 11 & 12 -PrairieView Men's Championship - 36 Holes
- Aug 20 - Byron Chamber Playday - 1:00 p.m. Shotgun
- Aug 26 (tent) - PrairieView / Aldeen Men's Association Challenge Matches at Aldeen
- Sept 8 & 9 - 10th Annual Gold Medal Tournament - 36 Holes
- Sept 10 - Senior Ladies 50+ Scramble
- Sept 15 - Fall Ultimate - 27 Holes / two-man teams
- October 15-19 - Fall Customer Appreciation Week
- October 22 - Men's Senior 50+

Golf Outing Schedule: * Updated monthly golf outing schedules available at clubhouse on a regular basis.

PrairieView's Annual Junior Golf Fund-raiser Scholarship Program

PrairieView's 6th annual two-player "Alternate Challenge" event to benefit it's junior golf programs and the Byron High School golf team will be held on Saturday, June 23 with a 6:45 am shotgun start. Entry forms are currently available at the clubhouse.

The PrairieView Junior Golf Fund Committee is happy to once again announce that for the year 2001, financial aid in the form of two (2) \$500 scholarships has been established for two worthy applicants. Recipients must have been active in the PrairieView Junior Golf Program and a current season passholder. Interviews are currently being conducted by the scholarship committee. Potential winners will be announced at graduation and again at this year's fund-raiser event on June 23. Last year's scholarship recipients were David Risen and Jennifer Cameron.

Many volunteers are necessary to make this event a continued success. Volunteers in the past have included PrairieView junior golfers, the entire Byron golf team, team coach Mark Cameron, and many parents of PrairieView junior golfers. This worthy event raised \$11,110.22 last year - another new record. In six years, the fund-raising event has raised \$40,131.50 to benefit PrairieView's junior golf programs. The one day event continues to be a huge fund-raising success due to the fact that **100% of all tournament entry fees, tee sponsorships, and other fund-raising activities** go directly to benefit our junior golf programs.

The format for this year will again be a 2-player, select your own partner, alternate shot event. This unique format, plus special games and contests during the day, provide all participants plenty of fun and good times. Total cost for the event this year will be \$50 per person (\$40 for PrairieView season passholders) which includes: 18 holes golf with cart, lunch, beverage, prizes... plus golf passes for two free 18 hole rounds of golf for each participant - a \$54.00 value alone!

Registration and entries for the event are now being accepted at the golf shop. In most years, the field of 152 players fills quickly, so get your team or foursome entry in early! Call 234-4563 and ask for Ken if you would like to contribute to the fund-raiser, volunteer to help, sponsor a hole or contest, or just sign-up to play.

PrairieView Junior Golfer News

SUMMER LESSON PROGRAM - Registration is now underway for PrairieView's popular summer junior golf lesson program. Currently there are twelve classes available for youth ages 5 - 17 / class assignments will be determined by both age and previous experience. Golf classes begin the week of June 4 and continue through early August. Complete information on the 2001 junior summer lesson program is available at the PrairieView golf shop or by calling 234-4653 (GOLF).

In addition to the instruction sessions, PrairieView will again offer many other activities. such as; the Monday/Thursday junior golf league, numerous tournaments, bus transportation to away junior tournaments, and special trips to events such as the John Deere Classic PGA golf tournament.

JUNIOR SEASON GOLF PASSES - are available for purchase at any time and are a great bargain for most juniors who play more than once a week. Junior II level season golf passes allow unlimited golf before 3:00 p.m. and after 6:00 p.m. Monday - Friday and after 3 p.m. on weekends and holidays. In addition, Junior II golfers can play on their golf pass before 3 p.m. on weekends on a walk-in basis. The new lower fee Junior I pass permits the same weekday play as the junior II, however weekend play is limited to after 6:00 p.m. only.

JUNIOR FUND-RAISER - PrairieView's 6th annual tournament to raise funds to help support junior golf activities and the Byron HS golf team is in need of volunteers for that day. Anyone interested in helping out on the 2001 Junior Fund-raiser on Saturday, June 23, please contact Ken Ledene at 234-4653 or Mark Cameron at 234-5578.

CLUB STORAGE - remains available in downstairs club storage room. Space is available for 76 bags at a cost of \$30 + \$15 key deposit for juniors and \$45 + \$15 key deposit for adults.

JUNIOR GOLF CALENDAR OF MAJOR EVENTS:

- Monday, June 4 - Summer Junior Lessons Begin
- Thursday, June 7 - Tuesday/Thursday Junior League Begins
- Thursday, June 21 - IJGA Chick Evans Qualifying Tournament
- Saturday, June 23 -6th Annual Junior Fund-raiser
- Thursday, June 28-1st/2nd Rounds Junior PV Match Play Tournament
- Friday, June 29 -3rd/4th Rounds PV Junior Match Play Tournament

- Monday, July 2 - 5th Annual Ogle County Junior
- Wednesday, July 18 - IJGA Regional Golf Tournament
- Sunday, July 22 - PrairieView Adult/Junior Tournament
- Thursday, July 26 - Junior Bus Trip/John Deere Classic

- Thursday, August 2 - PV Junior Champ./1st Round Ages 13-18
- Tuesday, August 7 - PV Junior Championship/ Ages 6 - 12 & 2nd Round Ages 13 - 18

- Monday, August 13 -HS Golf Team - First Day Practice
- Wednesday, August 29 -Fall Junior High League starts - first match at PrairieView

- Sunday, October 21 -Stewart Cup Matches/ PrairieView Men's Association vs PrairieView Junior Golf Association

PrairieView Ladies Golf Association For 2001

The PrairieView Ladies Golf Association invites lady golfers from the area to join in on their Tuesday golf activities. Golfers of all abilities are welcome to take part in the fun at any time. League play starts at 9:00 am for the morning group and 5:00 p.m. for the evening group. Play both morning and evening is you choose! Play if relaxed, well suited for new and beginner golfers, and league play is for nine holes only.

The ladies league began regular league play on Tuesday, April 17 and will continue every Tuesday through August and early September. For more information about the ladies association and the ladies golf leagues, please call Jean Wolfe at 234-5768.

