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**BYRON HIGH SCHOOL TO RENAME BASEBALL FIELD IN HONOR OF
LARRY SPAULDING, FORMER ASSISTANT BASEBALL COACH**

BYRON, IL – On Monday, April 29, 2019, at 4:30 p.m. a special dedication ceremony will be held prior to the Byron Varsity Baseball game versus Oregon. The current Tiger Field will be renamed Larry Spaulding Field in recognition and honor of Coach Spaulding’s commitment to Byron Baseball and the Byron community.

Born on July 29, 1943, Larry Spaulding taught and coached in the Byron School District from 1966 to 1999. He coached basketball and track, but baseball was his passion. Larry worked with the Byron Tigers Baseball team for over 25 years. Coach Spaulding was always willing to help kids “get better,” one of his favorite sayings. Ultimately, coach Spaulding donated thousands of hours of time to this baseball field, which will forever bear his name: Larry Spaulding Field. Survived by his three sons, Reed, Randy, and Curt, and their families, Coach Spaulding passed away on December 28, 2017.

Byron Baseball Head Coach, Dale Hartman, explained, “Coach Spaulding gave so much of his time, effort, heart, and soul to the Byron Baseball program. This honor is richly deserved. I know if Coach Spaulding were here, he would be very humbled and very proud.”

Spectators and fans should plan to arrive by 4:15 p.m.

In case of inclement weather, a rain date for the dedication has been set for Thursday, May 2, 2019, before the Byron Varsity Baseball game against Rockford Christian.