



WE DID IT!!! (I mean, we really did!)

We are thrilled to announce that The Charles L. Whitney Education Center was approved for occupancy in early June 2021. Located at 2206 N M Road, Marquette, NE, on the scenic Gjerloff Prairie, the Center will provide people of all ages a place to gather, learn, discuss, explore, share, work, think, relax...all while surrounded by a beautiful prairie landscape.



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We couldn't have done it without our amazing community of members and friends, and we'd love to celebrate this achievement with you.



A time for more gratitude

In the last newsletter we shared our need to concentrate fundraising efforts in the first half of the year to help us weather a dip in income from the effects of COVID on our prairie restoration work. The response was tremendous - and to all of you, we say "THANK YOU!" Go Big Give and our video series featuring land steward Jeff Gustafson were a huge success, raising over \$19,000 in just a few days. And giving outside of the Go Big Give effort was remarkable, too. An additional \$50,000 was raised from April 1st through June 30, leaving us the last half of 2021 to raise another \$50,000. We can do it!

Our slate of prairie restoration work continues to grow, and our work on the land and with our education programs keeps us motivated and focused on our important mission. We appreciate the investment that so many people have made to connect people with prairie, and with teamwork we will keep moving forward.



An effort led and primarily funded by the Albion Education Foundation resulted in the placement of riprap on the west creek bank north of the foot bridge along with the installation of a couple jetties upstream. Prairie Plains staff then hand seeded a high-diversity, local-ecotype prairie seed mix on the disturbed areas to secure the soil and enhance the plant community around the bridge.

LOOK WHAT'S COMING!

Keep your eyes on your mailbox for the next *Prairie Plains Link* for info about our summer education programs. We had a great four weeks full of discovery and fun with the Youth Naturalist Program, the Nebraska Young Ecologists and Summer Orientation About Rivers (SOAR). It was wonderful to be outside with kids again - they remind us why our work is valuable and encourage us to be curious and creative.

Photo left: Bill Whitney lead SOAR campers on a River Walk in the Platte River at Gjerloff Landing and observed life in the river in some unexpected places.



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