

# January Update

The masonry walls are topped out and fully grouted and the Masons are cleaning up and moving out until they return for stone work in the spring. The trusses and framing were received towards the end of the month allowing PR to come in and start framing in the near future!

Interior details are starting to get ironed out as well. Proofs for the displays are coming in, being review and confirmed so work can start on those! We are really excited about these displays! The Sioux County Conservation Foundation (SCCF) hired Split Rock Studios of St. Paul, Minnesota to create pieces that are a true representation of what can be found in Sioux County. The topic and inspiration for each display was chosen by the SCCF members, SCCB staff and the of help local educators.

The central theme that draws each individual display together is: *Seeing the Unseen*. This was inspired by the quote of Baba Dioum, “In the end we conserve only that which we love, we love only that which we understand, we understand only that which we are taught.” There are so many amazing things happening in nature in Sioux County! The Nature Center’s goal is to educate visitors on how to better see those things that have remained unseen for many years.

The center also has a second theme: Common Ground. The idea of Common Ground is this land is not our own. We share it with the plants and the animals that live here. How do our actions affect those around us? Can simple changes in our daily life make our little corner of the state a better place for us to live, along with wildlife, habitat and future generations?

One other area we have been working on for the displays is the Donor Wall. No specific amount will be listed, just a name to indicate support and dedication to the project. There are still opportunities to make a contribution to help finish this project! We are so close! We really would like to close the rest of the fundraising gap so we can add all the final touches to make this such a great destination for visitors! Please consider helping us out! You can find a pledge card and more information on our website!

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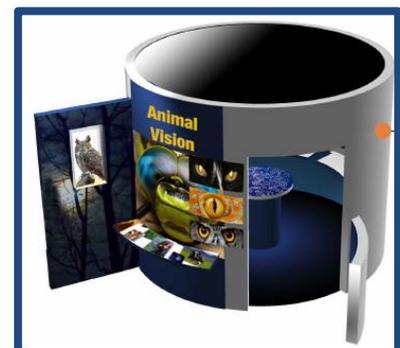
Next month, we are told the building should look a lot different if everything goes to plan. The basement will be enclosed by the floor trusses and the pre-fabricated walls will go up!



Exhibit Sneak Peak!



Water Exhibit



Night Light and Sight Exhibit

**Reminder: If you would like to give to this project, all gifts are tax deductible and can be made safely online. Pledge cards are also available.**