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Fossil & Prairie Conservation Foundation

Winter 2021

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641-756-3490*

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Welcome to 2021 . . .

The past year has taught us the importance of nature and the “joy” of learning new techniques to connect with others. In many ways, the beginning of the new year is just a continuation of those features.

In order to follow the existing COVID-19 social distance guidelines the Fossil & Prairie Conservation Foundation is offering some different options for this years Spring Gala.

- In person - Join us for the festivities at the Youth Enrichment Center, just west of Charles City. Doors will open at 5 p.m., meal will be served.
- Virtually - Join us via a ZOOM link for the festivities from home. Connection will begin at 5 p.m. A gift certificate for a meal from Dave’s Restaurant will be included in your SWAG bag.

The silent auction will be open and available for bidding online from March 3rd - March 9th. Opportunity to bid on live auction items will be available during the banquet for both in person and virtual attendees.

SWAG bags are a new item for this year. They will be available at the door for in person attendees and will be delivered (locally) for virtual attendees. These will may contain some special items to help commemorate the event!

As always, if you have any questions about the event, feel free to contact the Fossil & Prairie Center 641-756-3490.

Heres to a great new year!! Hope to see you in some way at the Spring Celebration Gala in March.



Spring Celebration Gala



Sat. March 6, 2021

Doors open at 5 p.m.

*at the Floyd Co. Youth Enrichment Center,
Charles City*

Attendees may either attend the banquet in person or virtually!

Virtual attendees will receive a ZOOM link.

All attendees will receive a SWAG bag.

Silent Auction items will be available online for bidding.

Proceeds will be used towards new murals at the Fossil & Prairie Center.

Tickets . . . \$25 / person. Last day to purchase tickets February 24

For tickets 641-756-3490

Please complete and return

Fossil & Prairie Conservation Foundation Spring Celebration Gala

March 6th, 2021

(RSVP by Feb. 24th)

Number of tickets _____ @ \$25 per person
Includes Banquet ticket & Membership

- I plan on attending the event in person.
- I plan to attend the event virtually via ZOOM.

Please email the link to: _____

I like to donate towards the silent auction items. \$ _____

Sorry, I will be unable to attend.

Please renew my Fossil & Prairie Conservation Foundation annual membership.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Student (\$5) | <input type="checkbox"/> Contributor (\$99 or less) Brachiopods or Blazingstars |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Individual (\$10) | <input type="checkbox"/> Associate (\$100-\$249) Crinoids or Coneflowers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Family (\$25) | <input type="checkbox"/> Sponsor (\$250-\$999) Gastropods or Goldenrods |
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Please contact me about volunteer opportunities.

Total amount enclosed _____

Please make checks payable to Fossil & Prairie Conservation Foundation, P.O. Box 495, Rockford, IA 50468



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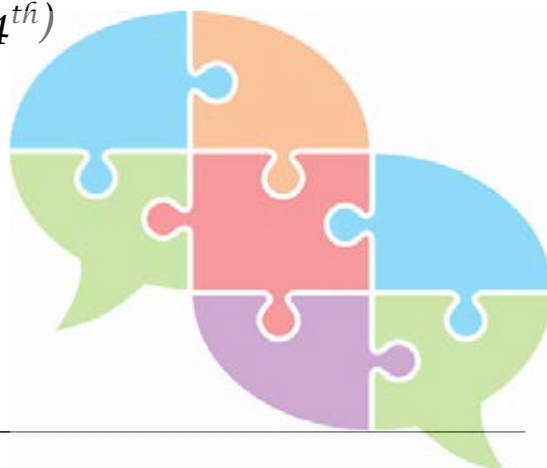
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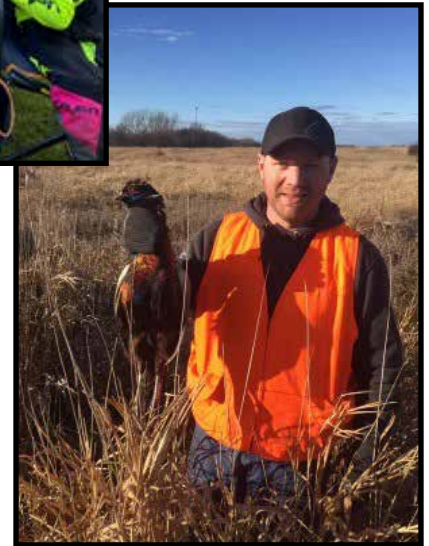
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Meet a member of the Fossil & Prairie Conservation Foundation Board

Jesse Frerichs



This is the first of a series of interviews
introducing the members of the
Fossil & Prairie Conservation Foundation Board.

I am currently Lead Technician at Alliant Energy for the Whispering Willow and Franklin County Wind Farms. I have a wonderful wife, Alison, and three active boys. I am a graduate of CCHS and Floyd County is definitely home to me!

How did you get interested in conservation?

In all honesty although sounding counterproductive the loss of dirt biking areas over the years. It made me realize that some of these beautiful prairies and woods were being used for other opportunities. We need native grasses and woods to let the area wildlife thrive, and keep people enjoying these treasures that are available to use whether it be for hunting, fishing, or just a casual walk.

What is your favorite wild place?

I really enjoyed a family hike that we recently had at Backbone State Park.

In your opinion, why should people care about the environment?

Water quality, fresh air, and beautiful sunny days. If we don't take care of the environment all items listed will suffer.

What do you like to do in your free time?

Going dirt bike riding or racing with the family.

What do you hope will be the greatest accomplishment during your term on the Board?

To get families interested in what Floyd County has to offer. While attending some of the activities whether it was at the Fossil & Prairie Park or the Tosanak Recreation Area it seemed to me attendance was a little lower than I expected. Many families that I talk to have a lot of the same complaints, as I often have with my own kids, and that's electronics. We all seem to agree that kids getting outside is what's best for keeping electronics time limited, so I want more of these opportunities available to families.

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Upcoming Events

- January 30 Owl Prowl^o**
6-8 p.m.
Tosanak Recreation Area,
2543 Glass Road, Marble Rock
Join for an evening winter hike
to learn about these unique animals.
We will be outside, please
dress appropriately.
- February 14 Shed Antler Hunt^o**
1-3 p.m.
Fossil & Prairie Center,
Rockford Iowa
Discover some unique facts about
this boney growth and then search
for some in the Fossil &
Prairie Park. We will be venturing
outside, please dress appropriately.
- March 6 Spring Celebration Banquet •**
See page 3 for complete details
- April 22 Earth Day**

*Due to COVID-19, registrations required for all
events in order to limit group sizes.*

Register online at

*[https://www.mycountyparks.com/County/Floyd/
Events.aspx](https://www.mycountyparks.com/County/Floyd/Events.aspx)*

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Cross Country skiing events.

Equipment Sale by Sealed Bid

The following Polaris Widetrak IQ snowmobile has been placed for sale via sealed bid. A bid amount must be specified and submitted to the Fossil Prairie Conservation Foundation in a sealed envelope. Bids must be postmarked by **February 1st, 2021** and mailed to PO Box 495 Rockford, IA 50648. Bids will be opened on **February 5th, at 9:00am** at the Fossil & Prairie Center in Rockford. The sale will be awarded to highest bidder upon receipt of payment. Equipment will be sold as is. The Fossil and Prairie Conservation Foundation reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

The snowmobile is available for viewing during business hours Monday- Thursday 7 am-4:30 pm and Friday 7 am-11 am at the Tosanak Recreation Area, 2543 Glass Rd. Marble Rock. Call 641-756-3490 or 641-220-7295 to set up a time to view.

Make/Model:2011 Polaris Widetrak IQ

Hours:115

Miles:1,113

