Friends of the Pecatonica River Foundation THE CURRENT

March 2024



HELP !!! FPRF needs board members! After many years as president, it is time for younger people to become the guardians and decide the organization's future course. Our main goal has been to develop the Pecatonica River in Stephenson County as a recreational asset to our area. This benefits area residents and draws tourists. We are closing in on that goal. It is just like paddling! You have one eye on the water in front of you and an eye on the water ahead, preparing for any obstacles, wildlife, and traffic. Come to a meeting or call me, 815-291-5788.

Over the years, we have had excellent help and guidance from The Illinois Paddling Council, American Canoe Association, Fehr-Grahem, FNH Ready Mix, Tribute Precast, Stephenson County Board, Freeport Park District, City of Freeport, and Northwest Illinois Trails Foundation. Fisher Excavation made the Wes Block launch possible.

PEDAL, PADDLE, AND HIKE! These words express the "big three" of recreation in Stephenson County. We need more people to keep recreation growing in Stephenson County. **MEETINGS & EVENTS**

Everyone is invited. Bring your ideas!

Mar. 14	RAFTERS 6:30 P.M.
Apr. 11	Next meeting.
May 9	FPRF meetings are the second Thursday of the month. See "ALL IN. Stephenson County" for area events.
Mar. 23 & 24	34th Annual Depot Stove Gang Model Railroad Show 10 A.M - 4 P.M.
	https://www.eventbrite. com/d/il-freeport/ events/

Other Events & Activities Freeport/Stephenson County

https://greaterfreeport.com

Joe Ginger, president



Watch Tom Lindblade's "Illinois' Friendliest Paddle" <u>http://bit.ly/paddlethepec</u>



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Castle Rock and Pecatonica River, Mineral Point, Wis. Pub. by A. W. Thoma, Mineral Point, Wis.

Every "ice age" melts. During the melting process a lake is often created. The ice that formed a dam melts and the lake water carves a water way that remains a wonder to all. Maybe Lake Silvera created this wonder.

If you are interested in improving river stewardship, promoting paddling, organizing river events, the history of the Pecatonica River and communities along the river, check our website and contact us.

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Friends of the Pecatonica River Foundation is a 501(c)(3) organization. Dues are due in February. If you joined in July or later, you are good for 2024. All donations are tax deductible and should be made payable to: Friends of the Pecatonica River Foundation.

Joe Ginger & Roger Schamberger Mickie Dittmar – Vice President Lee Butler -- Secretary /Treasurer Roger Schamberger – Governmental Liaison Betty Butler & John Fritz – Fundraising Chairs Joe Green – Site Development Manager Betty Butler -Membership

