

# Friends of the Pecatonica River Foundation

October 18, 2012

FPRF Founded November 13, 08

## Scheduled Events!

Nominations of officers at October meeting.

The fish fry was such a success that we are considering an event for March. It will include a silent auction. Now is the time for planning all those events that will spark activities on the Pecatonica River. FPRF will take a partnership, leadership position, or advisory position, whichever the sponsors feel fits best, to help events go smoothly.

If your organization wants to conduct a paddle or river event, contact FPRF! If you have a plan that involves the river, and want advice, information, consultation, contact FPRF. If you have an idea to improve stewardship of the river, contact us! If you don't like something we do, contact us.

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## Current

Where do we stand on the excavator? Joe Green found a replacement engine and we now own it. The engine and engine compartment have been steam cleaned, thanks to Roger. The trailer frame, which is necessary to transport the excavator, has been repaired and awaits sand blasting and painting. It will need a wood deck, which is already arranged. The funds from Ducks Unlimited have been deposited with the County. The National Wild Turkey Federation funds have been received.

FPRF is working with the Tutty's Coalition to develop amenities at Tutty's Crossing. A fall clean up is being planned.

Thanks to Steven's Company, in Dubuque, our website is being redone. Our involvement in promoting a paddling club continues. Stephenson County has contacted the City of Freeport volunteering to clear the obstructions from near the Stephenson Street bridge and the Hancock Street bridge.

FPRF is rapidly approaching a fourth birthday. What have we accomplished? Our biggest accomplishment may be to have renewed interest in the Pecatonica River. The river, which has been viewed as a flooding nuisance, has become viewed as a recreational opportunity. The Pecatonica was just such a recreational center in 1910s, and 1920s. Also it was a heyday of local boat building. FPRF will keep plugging away and getting things done. We can't please everyone, but many people are happy.

## Local Scheduled Events

The **Oct. 18th** meeting is at Rafters at 7:00PM. The next meeting is **Nov.15th**. Everyone invited. Bring your ideas!

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