

Friends of the Pecatonica River Foundation

THE CURRENT

December 2021

You wanted to see a picture of the floating dock for Wes Block, sitting high and dry where it will wait for the spring launch.

Because this is the first thing you will see when arriving at the launch site, I wanted to show this first. This structure will be the entrance sign for the Wes Block Launch for the Pecatonica River Water Trail. It is an Eagle Scout Project for Justin Eden of Scout Troop # 31. FPRF is delighted to be part of Justin's project. It is a pleasure to support Scouts and be part of their paddling opportunities. This site has already served as a camping site for Scouts.



MEETINGS & EVENTS

Everyone is invited. Bring your ideas!

Dec.. 16	RAFTERS 6:30 P.M.
Jan. 20	Next meeting.
Nov. 19- Jan. 9	Holiday Gift Show Visitor Center 4596 US Highway 20 815-233-1357
PM	Trivia Nights Monday, Big O's Wednesday, Logan's
Nov. 29 - Dec. 23	FHN Community Festival of Trees Nov. 29 - Dec. 23 1-877-6000-0346 x901
Dec 19	Freeport Community Luminaria Night Stephenson & Lincoln
Dec	Membership renewal is coming.
	https://www.eventbrite.com/d/il--freeport/events/



Here is the picture many people have been wanting. Shown is the long-awaited floating dock for Wes Block. It will be placed in the Pecatonica River in the spring so that trips from Wes Block to Tutty's Crossing can begin in earnest. We know many paddlers have already made this trip. Launching will be much easier.

We have a paddling resource. Kayak fishing is a big thing. Women paddling is a big thing. Biking and hiking are big things. All of these can be done safely during the Covid problem. The annual Pecatonica River Clean-up is a great project. We need assistance in log jam reduction and we need to have younger people, like the Scouts ready to carry on. This is a chance to work on your future. Do you have any suggestions on ways to improve the water trail? Your ideas help us to improve your paddling experience.

Joe Ginger, president

Other Events & Activities

Freeport/Stephenson County
Visitors Center
4596 U.S. 20 East
Freeport, IL 61032
1-815-233-1357

FPRF Events

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Freeport Park District
1122 S. Burchard Ave.
Freeport, IL 61032
1-815-235-6114

www.freeportparkdistrict.org

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Lena, IL 61048
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Happy Holiday; to all our fellow kayakers, boaters, and fisherman.

Now that we are at the end of our kayaking season { I know I am } I hope you all had a wonderful and season on the water just as I had.

As I reflect over the year and hang up my kayak for the winter, I was thinking of all the segments that I have kayaked; and I realized how blessed we are to have these segments along with these launches; on the beautiful Pecatonica River.

Let me name a few; Winslow to McConnell, McConnell to Damascus, Tutty's Crossing to Jr's Place. Next year we will be adding Wes Block to Tutty's Crossing. Whoo Hoo.

The Friends of the Pecatonica River Foundation work very hard to make the water trails user-friendly, and I hope you appreciate them all.

As we sit by the fireplace or in our warm, comfortable rooms this winter, with our friends and loved ones, keep these happy thoughts in mind and know we can look forward to the new season.

Friends of the Pecatonica River Foundation wish you all a
MERRY CHRISTMAS and HAPPY HOLIDAYS.

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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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Dues are due in February. If you joined in July or later, you are good for 2021.

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