

# Eagle Scout project to honor Flora VFD Firefighter grant applications are due April 7

By Susan Scholl  
Editor

Tyler Jenkins, a member of Boy Scout Troop 144, proposed a project to honor Flora volunteer firefighters at Monday night's meeting of the Flora Town Council. This project would satisfy his Eagle Scout community service

requirement. Jenkins has designed an expandable sign that he will construct between the west end fire department garage door and the back door to the Fireside Building on West Walnut Street. The sign, which he estimates to cost \$344, will list all the volunteers who have served on Flora's fire department since it was organized in 1908.

Jenkins, who is also a Junior Firefighter, said, "This will mean a lot to me and to the fire department to get the project completed."

Jenkins has already received a \$100 donation for the project and anticipates receiving more donations. Town officials approved his project and offered to make up any difference between the actual cost and the donations received.

A pre-fair meeting between the Flora park board and 4-H fair officials will be held April 10 at 7 p.m. in the 4-H Community Building. The purpose of the meeting, according to Clerk-Treasurer Joretta Tinsman, is to work out issues prior to the event. A problem in the past is trucks and livestock trailers parking in areas not designated for that purpose.

Town attorney Dick T. Bishop advised officials to adopt an ordinance establishing that during the fair livestock trailers parked in non-designated areas will be towed at the owner's expense.

Flora Town Marshal Paul Redmon said that there has been vandalism reported along the railroad tracks from West Columbia Street to Clark Street, mostly rocks being thrown through windows. He also said that lights along the walking trail at the park have been damaged. He requested that police be contacted if anyone has information.

Redmon also reported his

department's activity for March as follows: 13 arrests/misdemeanors, 5 felonies, 26 citations, 47 warnings, 101 calls for service, 2 accidents, 2 consents, and 2 warrants.

Scott Sisson, reporting for the park department, said that they are seeking an interested group that would volunteer to keep the log cabin repaired and safe.

He also said there has been no activity at the horseshoe pits for some time and repairs need to be made. The park department recommends removing the pits and seeding with grass.

Tinsman was instructed to advertise for bids for the curb project to finish South Center Street from Catherine to Clark streets.

Utilities manager Chuck Everett's recommendation that the town accept the assessment/cleaning bid for both water towers submitted by Liquid Engineering at a cost of \$2,755 was accepted.

Everett was given permission to attend the Indiana Municipal Electric Association Spring Conference to be held May 3-5 in Columbus.

The utilities department will be flushing hydrants this month.

Bill McCarty, wastewater treatment plant superintendent, reported that 93,000 gallons of sludge had been applied to the Paul Fife farm. The sludge is applied twice a

year. The plan commission issued four permits in March: Angela Francis, wood fence; Eva Sisson, shed; Marjorie Peterson, deck; and Ryan Duff, garage.

The second quarter tracking factor recommendation of H.J. Umbaugh & Associates for .015979, a slight increase for the electric utility, was approved.

Town-wide spring clean-up will be April 28. All items must be out at the curb by 7 a.m. for pick-up. If the trash company cannot get all the items picked up on the 28th, they will return the next day and finish the areas of town omitted the day before, and only those areas.

The next council meeting will be May 1 at 6 p.m. in the Fireside Building.

## Comet staff report

Hoosier fire departments are reminded that the deadline to apply for funding through the U.S. Department of Homeland Security Assistance to Firefighters program is April 7.

The program presents an opportunity for Indiana's rural, urban and suburban fire departments and non-fire based EMS organizations to obtain financial assistance to help procure needed equipment and vehicles, provide vital facilities and personnel training and to offer fire and health safety education to the communities they serve.

Applications are automated and accessible via the AFG website: [www.firegrantsupport.com](http://www.firegrantsupport.com). This web site contains useful background information on AFG program priorities and program guidance, as well as a tutorial on applying

for each program and other useful materials.

Senator Richard Lugar would like to support grant applications. To take advantage of this opportunity, send a letter to Senator Lugar from your department indicating the department is applying for this program. Indicate your interest in obtaining support, along with a copy of the project narrative to the following address: U.S. Senator Richard G. Lugar, 1180 Market Tower, 10 West Market Street, Indianapolis, IN 46204, Attn: Bob Healey.

In addition to the AFG, Senator Lugar's staff has information available on other programs that may benefit Indiana fire departments. For more information contact Bob Healey or Lane Ralph at (317) 226-5555, or e-mail [bob\\_healey@lugar.senate.gov](mailto:bob_healey@lugar.senate.gov) or [lane\\_ralph@lugar.senate.gov](mailto:lane_ralph@lugar.senate.gov).

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## Looking Back



Brown Church, north of Rockfield, 1925

From the files of Hoosier Democrat, Delphi Journal, Journal-Citizen and Carroll County Comet.

**10 YEARS AGO**  
Carroll County moves to collect delinquent personal property taxes. Delinquent taxpayers face the prospect of being pursued by a private firm intent on collecting those taxes.

A portion of the Vianco Road in Pittsburgh was ruined due to construction work on the bridge replacement project over the Wabash River at that location. The road was totally destroyed according to highway supervisor Fred Petersen.

**25 YEARS AGO**  
At the Monday evening meeting of the Delphi City Council, Mayor Wayne Van Sickle read the letter, which will be sent to city residents whose properties are in violation of unkempt regulations.

A fire contract for three townships - Deer Creek, Madison and Tippecanoe was approved.

An intergovernmental agreement between Delphi and Flora to establish animal control was read. The ordinance will be pre-

pared. **50 YEARS AGO**

The new Tri-Township fire truck is scheduled to be given its local tests next Tuesday morning, and if everything is satisfactory, it will be put into service. Since Friday, the new equipment has been stored in the Paul Johnson garage awaiting final tests.

Seven townships and possibly more will participate in an intensive school survey of the community, seeking to learn what would be the most advantageous steps to take for the total good of education in this section. The survey will be made by the Purdue University division of field study.

Sixty-six trees were planted in the Flora Community Park on Wednesday by Community Club members.

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**100 YEARS AGO**  
On and after April 6th Retherford Sisters of Kirklint, will have a display of the latest street and dress hats, new Easter and graduation styles for ladies', misses' and children. This display will be at Bonebraker's general store, Cutler, Ind.

Nola Finney, a young man 21 years of age employed on the Mart Boone farm west of town, was struck by lightning during the storm Friday afternoon of last week and was rendered unconscious for more than two hours. He was standing in the door of an old log house at the time and strange to say only a few shingles were disturbed on the building.

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