

Looking Back



Paul Redmon & Redmon's Main Pharmacy, S. Center St., Flora, 1930s

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10 YEARS AGO

Representatives of Alloy Custom Products of Reynolds, met with the Delphi Economic Development Commission seeking the Carroll County community's blessing on plans to relocate their operations in the former Lox Equipment Company complex.

The company will be moving in stages over a period of three months.

The Reynolds facility employs 36 workers, who will all be transferring to the new location. The company predicts hiring five new employees per year.

25 YEARS AGO

An 81-year-old Flora landmark,

known as the Flora Theatre building, has disappeared from the southeast corner of Columbia and Center streets after the wrecking ball finally brought about the building's demolition last week.

The history of the building can be traced back to 1901 when A.W. Eikenberry and son, Elmer, opened their two-story, 50 foot by 80 foot structure and carried a complete stock of buggies, wagons, farm machinery, harness and horse furnishing goods.

50 YEARS AGO

The Welcome Inn bowling team has returned from the National A.B.C. bowling tournament at Fort Worth, Texas, where they vied with the best bowler of the nation for a share of the \$30,000 in prize money. The Congress continues over a period of weeks and is not yet concluded.

The Delphi team is Jack Brown,

Jack Little, Clement Duckwall, Henry Rozhon and Albert Burkle. They placed 8th in their squad of 32 teams. Jack Little had the high game, 234, of the entire tournament when the team left Texas. Clement Duckwall scored high in all events with a total of 1,712 pins. He at least will receive a bronze medal which is an award given for bowling 1,700.

75 YEARS AGO

The Flora high school debating team defeated Sheridan in their dual debate at Kokomo. This gives them the championship of the east and west divisions of the district debating league. They will next debate with Crawfordsville this week and the winner will go to North Manchester for the state meet.

Delphi Defeats Flora To Win Sectional:

- Flora 44, Adams Township 9.
- Carrollton 21, Rockfield 20.
- Burlington 19, Deer Creek 18.
- Delphi 26, Camden 15.
- Delphi 33, Burlington 18.
- Flora 30, Carrollton 20.
- Delphi 35, Flora 27 (final).

100 YEARS AGO

The little burg of Geetingsville was the scene of an expensive and exciting fire and as a result the only business establishment of the place was destroyed. The store is owned and operated by C.J. Buck. The fire broke out from a defective flue. Mr. Buck and his family reside in apartments in the rear end of the building but they did not know that it was afire until a passerby saw the blaze coming through the roof and gave the alarm. The fire spread very rapidly however, and but little or none of the goods were saved. However, by the assistance of a bucket brigade, the fire was held in such control that most of the household goods were saved.

Volunteers needed

Canal Earth Day is April 21

Comet staff report

This Saturday, April 21, is an opportunity for volunteers of all ages to come together for Project W.E.E.D or "Wabash & Erie Earth Day" beginning at 9 a.m. at Canal Park in Delphi.

If it rains, the alternate date is April 28. In the past, these Earth Day workdays have attracted 50-75 volunteers. This year the goal is to top 100 workers.

Groups like 4-H, Scouts, and church groups, as well as individuals are invited. Children should work with parents or teachers. Volunteer "captains" will be onsite to supervise specific jobs, and a work list will be available.

The day will begin at 9 a.m.

with a flag raising and orientation at Canal Park before breaking into work groups.

In Canal Park many places need work, including the flowerbeds.

Most of the work near Pizza Hut/Dairy Queen relates to picking up sticks and debris associated with the extensive work being done where a trail bridge will be placed later this year.

Work crews may go to various locations on other trails that may require driving to the sites and then returning for lunch. Those who bring their own hand tools will be given instructions and a map showing where to report for work. Tools should have the owner's name on them.

Volunteers are advised to dress appropriately - work clothes and shoes, gloves and other protective wear. No pets are allowed.

Workers get a free lunch served at noon at the Canal Park shelter by the local Psi Iota Xi sorority.

Check the Canal Hotline for last minute weather cancellation notice by calling 765-564-6572.

The Wabash & Erie Canal sponsors this event with support from the USDA/NRCS "EARTH TEAM."

Reunions

Addresses needed

Members of the Delphi Community High School Class of 1977 will host a reunion July 7. The following classmates' addresses are needed: Mark Benner; Janet Bogan; Judith Burke; Mike Hammel; Cindy Handy; Cindy Heinrich; Marsha Johnson; Susan Luff; Ron Marion; Rita Oldaker; Rick Packard; Andy Pechin; Tim Percell and Susan Robinson. Anyone with address or phone number information is asked to contact Denise Strasser at (765) 564-2862.

Library News

Delphi

Elementary and middle school students are invited to a movie and popcorn for "Kid Flick" April 27 at 2 p.m. The movie tells the story of Roddy, a pampered pet mouse living the posh life in his owners' Kensington flat. Call Children's Librarian Marcia Sledd at the library if you would like to come to this free event.

April showers bring May flowers and this anticipated precipitation inspires the story theme for April 23, "Rain! Rain!" are stories, songs and games to entertain and educate babies, toddlers, preschoolers and caregivers. Splash in puddles, sing while it sprinkles and learn some fun spring time nature facts. Baby Lapsit at 9:30. Toddlers at 10, and Preschool at 11:30 a.m. Caregivers should attend with their child.

Tuesday Afternoon Drawing Class will have its year-end show in the Gerber Globe Valve Room April 27 through May 17. The exhibit, "A Snapshot of Main Street," will include pencil, pen and watercolor works created over the last eight months.

A special feature of the show is a collaborative work depicting a portion of Main Street at the turn of the century. Students

have created drawings of historic buildings, pedestrians and ordinary objects which will be placed together to create a mural depicting life in 1905 Delphi.

Flora-Monroe Township

The Saturday morning book club will meet this Saturday to discuss "All Over but the Shoutin'" by Rick Bragg. A celebrated Pulitzer Prizewinning New York Times reporter turns his investigative attention to his own past: growing up poor and making his way from rural Alabama to the top of his profession. In this sad, beautiful, funny memoir, Bragg gives a report from the forgotten heart of "white trash" America. The discussion begins at 10 a.m. in the library's Book Nook Coffee Shop.

Call Dial-A-Story to hear James Whitcomb Riley poems performed by Carroll Elementary fourth graders. Madison Rinehart can be heard reciting, "The Jaybird" through Friday. After that, the featured student will be, Danielle Amsbury performing, "Little Girl, Two Little Girls." Call Dial-A-Story 24 hours a day, 967-3814.

The theme for next storytime is "Gardens." Storytime is Tuesday morning at 10 a.m.



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