

Lifetime Presidential Award goes to local volunteer

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Former U.S. President George W. Bush formed the President's Council on Service and Civic Participation in 2003. The council was established to recognize the important contributions Americans of all ages are making within their communities through service and civic engagement.

Current President Barack Obama has decided to maintain the council presence to recognize dedicated volunteers.

However, long before President George W. Bush decided to formally honor those who lived the notion that helping others was the right thing to do in life, local resident Sue Floyd was doing just that.

Floyd's efforts over the years did not go unnoticed. She was honored with the Gold Presidential Award, the highest award bestowed, which was signed by both Presidents Bush and Obama, in a small but emotional ceremony. Floyd was honored for providing more than 4,000 hours of community service in more than 50 years.

She was nominated for the award by her son, Mike Floyd who is the Chief of the Eel River Indian Tribe. A plaque was recently presented to Floyd at Ready Set Go Day-care, located at First Assembly of God Church, by Delphi Mayor Randy Strasser. The 77 year-old-Floyd has been the director of the facility for approximately 20 years.

"I really accepted the award on behalf of all of the volunteers I've worked with

over the years," Floyd said modestly.

Floyd said the plight of one family for which she organized help remained vivid in her memory. She said she became aware of the family when she taught the first CDC class in Delphi the 1970s. She said she made a home visit due to a head injury the child suffered in the home.

Floyd said she organized members of the Delphi United Methodist Church to replace the dirt floor in the house with a wooden one, teach the mother how to cook, explain finances to the father for him to be successful with weekly paychecks, bought furniture and dug a water line into the house. Floyd said the church's Agape fund was started at that time.



Sue Floyd

"There is always someone who has to work to bring the dream alive, but we all look at the same sunset at the end of the day," Floyd said.



Stuck in the mud

Marion Huffer was in a tractor off State Road 22, east of Burlington, on May 26 when he hit a soft spot and sunk about six feet. An excavator was used to dig the mud away, and then it took a semi-wrecker with a 400 HP tractor on the front to get it out. The excavator filled the hole up, and planting continued. The bulk of planting in Carroll County has been completed. Photo provided

IFB District 3 summer fun night planned

Comet staff report

Members of Indiana Farm Bureau District 3 and their families are invited to a summer fun night June 15 on the Madam Carroll on Lake Freeman in Monticello.

Entertainment for the evening will be country singer and American Idol contestant D.J. Miller. The meal will be catered by Parrett's of Flora. The meal is courtesy of IFB District 3 county Farm Bureaus and In-

diana Farm Bureau Insurance agencies in IFB District 3.

The Madam Carroll departs at 6:30 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time, so attendees are encouraged to come early.

RSVPs are required to ensure downstairs seating and food for the evening. Contact the county Farm Bureau office by June 10 if planning to attend.

IFB District 3 includes Benton, Carroll, Cass, Clinton, Jasper, Newton, Tippecanoe and White counties.

Flora continues work on IDEM-wastewater project

Comet staff report

Bill McCarty's wastewater report for May indicates Flora's plant processed 805,968 gallons, double what it is rated for. The report was reviewed by the Flora Town Council at a meeting Monday night.

McCarty reported that manhole rehabilitation for the wastewater/IDEM project is going well. Thirteen manhole frames and lids have been upgraded. Summer employee Jarod Beaver is helping with the project.

"Hopefully we can get things cleaned up and get off this sewer ban," Ayres said.

The council authorized clerk-treasurer Joretta Tinsman to pursue an American Recovery and Reinvestment Act grant for construction of a new fire station. The filing deadline is July 10.

Tinsman reported that the estimate for the blue markers to call attention to the location of fire hydrants came in at \$6,000, much higher than fire chief Scott Sisson had anticipated. The project will not proceed at this time.

The police department's report for May included 12 arrests/misdemeanors, two felonies, seven citations, five parking violations, 23 warnings, 109 calls for service, and eight accidents. The department also conducted its annual Bicycle Safety Program at Carroll Elementary School in May.

The council approved a quote from T&M, Flora, in the amount of \$715.21 for a wall hanging drinking foun-

tain for the Fireside Building. The quote includes installation.

The plan commission approved five building permits in May: Jim Brewer, sign; Carl E. Brown, shed; Douglas Simpson, storage shed; Alan Brower, pool; and Daniel Bishop, fence.

An energy cost adjustment factor from the Indiana Municipal Power Agency will increase electric rates in the third quarter to \$.035690, an increase in the overall tracking factor of \$.003382.

The Northwest Indiana Solid Waste District will hold a household hazardous waste and tire collection on July 25 from 8 a.m. to 12 noon at the 4-H fairgrounds in Flora.

The town office will be closed July 3 in observance of Independence Day.

The next regular meeting will be July 6 at 6 p.m. in the Fireside Building.

Special meeting

At a special meeting of the council held May 20, the Channel 2 Board's recommendation to hire Keith Burge to replace Vickie Wolf as program director was approved.

The council approved TBIRD Design Services Corp.'s request for \$25,000 for the next phase in the wastewater/IDEM project, as well as \$450 per month for flow metering equipment.

The recommendation from the plan commission that zoning of the Carroll County Community YMCA be changed from Residence A to General Business was also approved.



Can they hear us now?

Installation for the All-Hazards sirens along the Tippecanoe River began Tuesday. Saturated ground slowed the process, expected to be completed Wednesday. The sirens will warn residents of rising flood waters, as well as other weather hazards. Specifics of how and when the sirens will be tested and activated will be covered in a mailing to all river residents, who are encouraged to read it carefully. REMC crews were on-site Tuesday to assist the installation crew and help is expected Wednesday from county highway crews. NIPSCO donated the cost of the three poles, on which the sirens are placed. Together with upcoming signs donated by National Weather Service, showing high-water records of the January 2008 floods, river residents are witnessing a large, broad-based effort to improve their safety. The sirens are a gift from the Eel River Tribe of Indiana, who obtained a National Weather Service grant to pay for them. Photo provided

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