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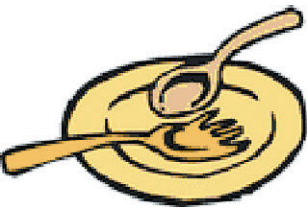


CVS offers free screenings

CVS Pharmacy will be holding a free cholesterol and blood pressure screening Saturday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

While not required, eight to 12 hours of fasting before a cholesterol screening is recommended for best results. Results will be provided within minutes of screening.

CVS is located at 1010 Indianapolis Road, Greencastle. For more information, call 653-9029.



Lasagna supper planned

American Legion Post No. 58 will have a lasagna dinner this evening from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Cost is \$7. Menu will include salad, garlic bread and dessert.

'Friends' to elect officers

Friends of the Putnam County Library will elect officers for 2008-09 at their annual meeting Monday.

The meeting will begin at noon and will be held in the library's Kiwanis Room. New board members will be welcomed, and library director Alice Greenburg will introduce staff and speak about ways in which the library is looking to the future.

Refreshments will be served, and the public is invited.

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Appeal in fire truck case denied

By KEVIN CRAFTON Staff Writer

CLOVERDALE — The announcement made Tuesday by Town Council President Don Sublett was that Cloverdale won one of its lawsuits.

Attorney Mindy Jackman handled the suit for Cloverdale. She was the one who notified Sublett about the findings. The suit in question was an alleged breach of contract by Simon Equipment in Iowa.

The lawsuit was originally filed in Dubuque, Iowa, on Oct. 27, 2005, in regard to breach of contract after the town council had voted to accept a bid from Simon Fire

Equipment and Repair to purchase the fire truck.

The lawsuit stated that on or about April 2005, the town began a bidding process to purchase one fire truck from Simon Fire. A resolution was signed by all five council members on April 12. Four of the members voted to buy a fire truck. Sublett was absent from the meeting.

On June 8, 2005, the town council conducted a special meeting and, according to the lawsuit, accepted a bid from Simon Fire to furnish the fire truck. At the meeting, then board member Judy Whitaker motioned to accept the bid, subject to favorable financing,

with Sublett giving the second. The motion passed, 3-1-1, with Whitaker, Sublett and John Davis voting yes. Dennis Padgett voted "no" while Glen Vickroy abstained.

At the time, the town was informed by its financial advisor, Krohn and Associates, that there was favorable financing, setting up a public meeting on July 19 to vote on a bond issue for financing.

However, financing of the bond issue for the fire truck was voted down, 3-2, with Padgett, Sublett and Vickroy voting no at the special session. The truck was never purchased.

The charges said that former council member Davis told Simon

Equipment that the proposal to purchase a fire truck from them had been accepted when in fact, it had not.

When Simon Equipment received the news that the town was not buying the fire truck, they filed suit against Cloverdale. Initially, they filed in Iowa and it was dismissed by a Federal Magistrate.

The Attorney for Simon then filed the lawsuit in Putnam County. There was a bench trial with the verdict going in Cloverdale's favor. Then the case was appealed. Recently the Appellate Court sent

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Plan to keep out students tabled

By MARIBETH WARD Staff Writer

The North Putnam Community School Board tabled passing policy 6150 at their meeting Thursday evening. The policy would have restricted students not living in the school district from attending school there.



PRIDE

After a long discussion a decision to table two different policies until more research could be done by school corporation attorney Gene Hostetler was accepted.

The first reading of the policy was approved at the board's last meeting after considerable discussion and having a second

option available. At that time, board members voted 3-2 to approve the first reading of the policy. Thursday night they tabled both options until more information on the legalities of allowing certified staff living outside the district to bring their children to school with them.

The options are being considered because of upcoming changes to the distribution of funds to schools. In January 2009, the State of Indiana will take over the distribution of funds from the General Fund. This includes tuition transfer

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THAT WAS THEN & THIS IS NOW

Life is different for today's students

By MARIBETH WARD Staff Writer

Each August for over 11 years, Beloit College, Wisc. has released the Beloit College Mindset List. This provides a look at the cultural touchstones shaping the lives of students entering college in 2008.

As almost 2 million first-year students head to college campuses around the country, most will see some oddly familiar headlines. These are similar to those being published in 1990 when many of the students were born.

Some of the headlines include rising fuel cost concerns, airlines cutting staff and flights and declining American car sales.

The difference, according to the Mindset list is the how different this generation of students are from those prior to 1990.

The class of 2012 has grown up in an era where computers and rapid communication are the norm. Most have seldom used

telephones with landlines during their youth. They live on cell phones and communicate by texting one another.

Many will have a roommate for the first time in their lives and will have the opportunity to check out their new "roomie" on Facebook.com where most have been sharing their most personal thoughts with the whole world for several years.

This group of politically correct kids has never feared the Russians or known great performers like Sammy Davis, Jr., Judy Garland, Jimmy Stewart or Dean Martin.

Since they were in diapers, they have been singing along to karaoke machines looking for Carmen Sandiego. Coke and Pepsi have always used recycled plastic bottles. Gas stations haven't fixed flat tires but serve cappuccino.

A universal studio has

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Puppy Power



Zena and Zoey are two of the puppies still available for adoption at the Humane Society of Putnam County.

Pending shelter closing affecting other counties

By JAMIE BARRAND Editor

The looming closure of the Humane Society of Putnam County has already begun to have a trickle-down affect on neighboring communities.

"It's getting to be where people over there (in Putnam County) are getting vicious," said Chyrstll Owens, co-manager of the Clay County Humane Society in Brazil. "I had one guy tell me we weren't doing our job and cuss me out because we wouldn't come get an animal. I told him his county should be funding the humane shelter there, and they weren't."

The lack of county funding is a sore spot for Putnam County Humane Society officials.

"It seems like all the shelters in the other counties are funded but us," said Jane Irk, president of the HSPC board. "Other counties get money from the city and county governments ... and we were funded until two years ago."

Irk stressed that the Putnam County shelter is not technically closed yet,

even though no animals are being accepted.

"We're still spaying and neutering," she said. "There are still people there, we've just cut staffing way back."

Owens said she gets about 25 calls a day from

also getting calls from Putnam County, but that her organization will take animals for a fee.

"I don't have any idea how many of the animals are from Putnam County, because we don't track them that way," she said. "To us, these are all cats and dogs that are potential pets."

Mary Ann Lewis, an officer at the Hendricks County Animal Control Shelter, said people from Putnam County have "dumped animals here for years," and that she has seen only a slight surge in those numbers since the impending closure of the Putnam County Shelter was announced.

"We get animals from pretty much everywhere because we don't charge," she said.

A recent \$30,000 donation to the shelter from a forfeiture fund administered by Putnam County Prosecutor Tim Bookwalter was earmarked for spaying and neutering and will not help the shelter stay open, Irk said.

Meanwhile, bills for propane, electric, insur-

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Read tribute to "Rocko," the humane society's nursing home kitty. In the RSVP column on Page 2A

people in Putnam County wanting animals picked up.

"They say, 'Putnam County told us to call you,'" she said. "I don't believe that."

Sharon Davidson, office manager for the Animal Welfare League of Montgomery County in Crawfordsville, said she is