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SHADELAND WINTER SNOW REMOVAL

Another winter is upon us and the Town of Shadeland Street Department is ready to meet the challenges the season brings. Long before the first snow, the Town Council has secured services of a local contractor for winter road maintenance.

Winter weather brings with it an element of unpredictability. Will it be a dusting of snow or a twelve inch dump? Will the temperature stay at 33 degrees and precipitation fall as rain or drop to 31 degrees and cover the asphalt with treacherous black ice? Our contractor asks for your understanding and patience as they make every effort to keep our roads safe and passable this winter.

Icy? Our road crews are ready with a mixture of sand and salt.

Crews generally start on the hilly areas near Shadeland Road then move south and west to the flatlands.

Heavy snow event? They have truck plows trying to have roads open within 24 hours. (Weather dependent.) If we get a really deep snow event, they have wheel-loaders pre-stationed to ensure that fire and rescue protection can respond.

Plowing snow on 36 miles of roads (not including 800 S) does not allow time for personal services. It is the home owner's responsibility to clear the end of their driveways and mailboxes. Our Street Department recommends that when you do open your driveway to move the snow, with your back to your house, to the right. When the plow makes

a second pass the blade puts the snow past your driveway and into the ditch.

Last, if your mailbox gets clipped by a snowplow or you have other complaints (or compliments), please call or email the town clerk at 765-477-0116 or email:

shadelandtownhall@gmail.com

Most of all, adjust your driving according to the conditions and drive safely.

For a serious medical emergency during a snow storm where you need assistance in your home call 911 or Tippecanoe County Sheriff's Office: 765-423-9321.



SHADELAND "PEPPERS"

With the most recent edition of the Pepper Press sent to mailboxes, some of our newer residents might wonder why the word "Pepper" is in Pepper Press. It's an interesting story that dates back to the early 1940s.

The original Shadeland School was built on the northeast corner of 450 S. and 250 W. (today's Shadeland Park site) in 1911 at a cost of \$20,000. It burned to the ground in 1941. Union Township had the building well insured and within a year a new and bigger building was constructed and opened to grades 1 through 12.

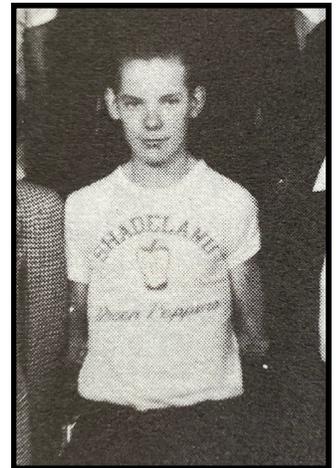
A *Journal & Courier* article described the building as "state-of-the-art". With three floors, Vocational training labs were on the ground floor. A gymnasium was the east wing..

Lifelong resident Sarah Brown was interviewed for this article and asked her remembrance as to how the nickname "Pepper" came into use.

"I was in the 9th grade when the new building opened. The high school grades were on the top floor," recalled Mrs. Brown.

She went on to say that Shadeland High School had some very good basketball players during this era coached by Mr. Orville "Red" Pearl, who was early in his career in public education.

"I'm pretty sure Red Pearl personally called his basketball team 'five green peppers on the court and a red one on the bench'. I don't recall there being a vote on the nickname. It just stuck. Our colors were green and white."



The photo above is from the '46-'47 yearbook *The Echo*.

Much of the memorabilia from the Shadeland School has been lost. If you know the whereabouts of class composite photos, yearbooks and such items, please contact Jo Ritchie, Union Twp. Trustee.

* More on the history of Shadeland School in future issues.

DID YOU KNOW ...

"Shadeland's property tax rate is the lowest among the cities and towns in the county."

"16% of your property tax dollars goes to Shadeland."

Char Brown, Clerk-Treasurer

The Town of Shadeland was founded on the principle of "home rule", that being that citizens closest to government can make the best decisions for those being governed. It is working for us.

The Town of Shadeland is the largest town (as defined by Indiana statutes) in terms of area in the state of Indiana.

Clerk-Treasurer Char Brown said, "Shadeland's property tax rate (cents per \$100 of assessed valuation) is the smallest among

the cities and towns in the county. Dayton is second at double the rate of Shadeland's." The Evonik manufacturing plant pays the largest portion of our tax base even after the proposed abatements for facility improvement.

16% of your property tax goes to the Town of Shadeland for maintenance of the roads, park, fire protection, and the new community building. The Town Council would like the citizens to know that the new town hall project does not

increase your property tax. It has been completely paid for through budgeted savings and a loan.

The remaining 84% of your property tax dollars go to the Tippecanoe School Corporation and Tippecanoe County government, plus other units, where it funds the essential services: law enforcement, health, parks, and so on. (See tippecanoe.in.gov/101/services for the complete list.)

COMMUNITY CRAFTING DAYS

Town clerk Char Brown continues to host community craft days at the Shadeland Fire station meeting room.

All crafters and craft groups are welcome to drop in between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. on the third Saturday: **Jan. 21st, Feb. 18th, and Mar. 18th.**

Bring a craft quilting, crochet, or similar projects and brighten your winter days with the community.

Not into crafting? Bring a cup of coffee and just drop in and say hello to your neighbors.



SHADELAND PARKS DEPARTMENT NEWS & NEEDS

Parks Committee Opening

Shadeland's parks are directed by a committee made up of resident/citizens who meet monthly on the 3rd Tuesday, 6:30 p.m. at the fire station.

The committee is currently looking for additional members to join them. If you have an interest in serving your community and have

a say in the what our parks have to offer, please show up January 17th.

Community member are always welcome to attend the meetings as well.

Ball Diamond Available

Though it may be winter, the Parks Committee is thinking about spring baseball and softball.

The ball diamond at Shadeland Park has been woefully under-utilized. The committee is asking for your help in getting the word out to youth baseball and softball teams as well as adult softball teams that there is well-maintained field open. Heck, even an informal kickball team would be welcome. Please help the committee get the word out. Interested parties should contact:

shadelandtownhall@gmail.com

MAHJONG

Looking for a way to fill the blah winter days? Consider joining a community group who are enthusiasts of the game of Mah-Jong.

Mahjong, according to *Encyclopedia Britannica*, is a game originated in Asia that uses tiles similar to dominoes.

The game is most often played with four individuals with the object of play similar to Rummy, where you obtain a set of tiles.

The winner is the first player to hold a complete hand of four sets of tiles and a pair. Like

Rummy, it is both offensive and defensive: to complete a winning hand as quickly as possible.

Conny Downey is offering to host a Mahjong gathering of experienced players at the Shadeland Fire Station meeting room at 3209 S. 250 W. Interested persons should contact Connie. It works best if groups of 4 players can be arranged.

Does MahJong sound interesting but you don't know how to play? Conny is also willing to introduce newcomers to the game with training sessions.

For both experienced and learners Contact Conny at 765-404-9898 or email at connydowney@gmail.com

Let her know if you know the game and want to join a group of 4 or want to learn.



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1. Send Char Brown an email at shadelandtownhall@gmail.com OR
2. Call her at 765-477-0116 and leave a message with your name and address.

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