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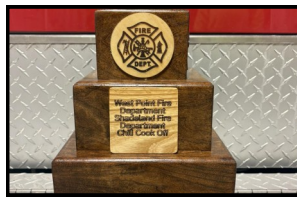
FIRST ANNUAL CHILI COOKOFF

SHADELAND & WEST POINT FIRE DEPARTMENTS

**SPECIAL
POINTS OF
INTEREST:**

- > **Chili Cook Off**
- > **Fund Raising**
- > **Crafting Days**
- > **Winter Road Report**
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Trophy designed and donated by Steve Brown

A holiday bazaar was held on December 6th at the Shadeland Town Hall and Fire Department. This was a first-time joint event with Shadeland and West Point Fire Departments.

Local craft vendors were present. There was a bake sale and a quilt raffle. The day also included the first Chili Cookoff competition between Shadeland and West Point Fire crews.

Shadeland chief Allen Bols submits: It turned out to be a very successful community event, drawing an excellent

turnout and a lot of local support. Residents gathered to enjoy the friendly rivalry, connect with their firefighters, and take part in an event that emphasized teamwork and community spirit.

West Point Fire earned the trophy at the conclusion of the cookoff, while Shadeland Fire looks forward to a future opportunity to bring it home. Above all, the event served as a reminder of the strong relationship between the depart-

ments and the community.

Town clerk Char Brown donated her handcrafted quilt for raffle. \$280 was raised from that and \$88 from other raffled items.

Arts and crafts tables and booths filled the council meeting room and hallway. A total of \$2049 was raised and split between the two fire departments.

State Senator Spencer Deery was present and posted the event on his Facebook page.





The Shadeland Town Hall will be a polling place for the Primary on May 5th, 2026.

News for the Town of Shadeland



Shadeland
A Great Place to Live

New Town Hall Address:
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Street Department Report

It's clear to everyone that this winter season has brought more snow and extremely cold weather than in many years and Shadeland's Street Department was ready.

Last November the town acquired a brine making machine, installing it in the new salt barn. Having brine on hand has allowed the road crew to pre-treat the 36 miles of Shadeland roads, making for easier snow removal and safer driving.

Long before the first snow fell the Town of Shadeland secured the services of a local contractor for main road snow removal. Additionally, the town purchased a new pickup truck



Crafting Days

Char Brown announces crafting days will continue at the town hall meeting room from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on the dates listed below. Bring your favorite craft to work on and join in the community with other residents. Not into crafting? Bring a cup of coffee and hang out. **It's about community!**

Saturday, February 21st

Saturday, March 21st

Saturday, April 18th

(replacing an early 1990s model) equipping it for snow removal, salt and brine distribution.

David Downey, council member in charge of the roads, reports that the new pickup truck's brine tank can put down brine stripes in it's own lane while simultaneously spraying it on the left side. This truck is operated by the Shadeland road crew who also handles the smaller snow removal jobs around the fire station and park parking lots. The contracted service plows the main roads.

The goal is to have roads open 24 hours after the snowfall ends.

Mr. Downey also commented that salt does not melt ice and snow below 10 degrees Fahrenheit. Be careful driving on these extremely cold days.



Trustee Seeking Historical Items

Ms. Jo Ritchie, Union Township Trustee, has been the keeper of Union Township historical artifacts.

Ms. Ritchie wishes to continue building this collection and asks for help and generosity of the community to donate anything that pertains to the history of Union Township and the Town of Shadeland.

If you have something of interest, please contact Ms. Ritchie. Her office is located in the old fire station, now the Shadeland Annex or call 765-838-1997 or email:

unionshadelandtrustee@gmail.com