

# Tips For Enjoying A Fall Garden

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As summer fades, gardening doesn't have to end. The transition between seasons is a great time to plant a fall vegetable garden, offering fresh produce well into autumn. Warm days and cool nights create ideal conditions for many cool-season crops.

These conditions enhance flavor and texture—adding sweetness to late-season sweet corn and cole crops like cauliflower and cabbage, and crispness to carrots.

Fall harvests include two types of vegetables: the final plantings of warm-season crops such as corn and bush beans, and cool-season crops that thrive in lower temperatures and tolerate frost.

When planting, group crops as you would in spring—taller plants should not shade shorter ones. For better germination, water seed furrows before planting and keep the soil moist (not wet) until seeds sprout. Keep in mind that cooler nights slow growth, so fall crops mature more slowly than summer ones.

To extend the season for frost-sensitive crops like tomatoes, peppers, and cucumbers, use polyethylene row covers. These trap soil heat and shield plants from chilly nights.

Kentucky often sees mild weather after the first frost. Protecting sensitive crops during this time can extend your harvest by several weeks. Once those crops die off, you can replant with cool-season vegetables. Leafy greens like lettuce and spinach may continue growing into November or December under row covers, as long as temperatures stay above the teens. Be sure to ventilate on sunny days to prevent overheating.

Vegetables you can seed or transplant now for fall harvest include Bibb and leaf lettuce, kale, mustard greens, radishes, spinach, snow peas, and turnips for greens.

For more information, contact the Webster County Extension office.

## Several Events Planned At Canaan Ridge Park

A number of events have been planned for Canaan Ridge Park for the public to enjoy.

September 20th at 7:00 pm Movie Night at the Park will be held. Independence Bank is sponsoring the movie at the park as part of their Day of Good initiative. They will give out free hotdogs, drinks and popcorn!

The movie scheduled for the event is "A Minicraft Movie".

Prior to the movie Webster County 4-H will host a cardboard car craft at 6:00 pm so children can make their own car to "drive-in" to the movie"; this event is limited to 25 children. Townsend Funeral Home has donated the projector for the event.

On October 11th from 4:00 to 7:00 pm Canaan Ridge Park's Second Annual Pumpkins & Tales Trail Walk is planned. This year's program will feature vendors, activities and a hike on a trail to hear spooky stories. There will also be a pumpkin carving contest. Bring in your already carved pumpkin to be displayed and voted on during the event, a prize will be given.

# Dixon City Commission Sets Tax Rate; Discusses Water Leaks, Abuses At Park

The Dixon City Commission met in regular session on Monday night with Mayor Terry Webb presiding and all commission members present. Also in attendance were City Attorney Lindsay Durbin and Code Enforcement Officer Chris O'Leary.

Following approval of the minutes from the August meeting and the bills and claims, the commission dealt with a varied agenda that included several reports, passage of the 2025 tax rate ordinance, setting of the hours for Halloween, and approval to repair a section of sidewalk on U.S. 41-A, South.

Commissioners voted 4-0 to approved second reading of an ordinance establishing the 2025 tax rates. For real property, that rate will be 0.126 cents per \$100.00 of assessed valuation. The personal property tax rate is 0.2420 cents per \$100.00 of assessed valuation.

Mayor Webb told members the steps on a section of sidewalk on U.S. 41-A, South is damaged and in need of repair. An estimate from Mason Concrete in Sebree sets the cost of those repairs at \$4,856.65. The city has an ordinance which sets the requirements and specifications for sidewalk repairs. On Monday night, the commission voted 4-0 to proceed with that repair.

Mayor Webb reported that members of the Dixon Volunteer Fire Department responded to 18 calls in August.

Commissioner Randy Norman presented the August water report. The city purchased 2,734,100 gallons of water from the Webster County Water District. Water sales total 1,968,590 gallons, and flushing resulted in the use of another 100,000 gallons. The city's water loss for the month was 21.39%, a total of 584,870 gallons.

Mayor Webb told members a major leak had been repaired near the Webster County Public Library. Another leak has been found on College Street, and repairs on that leak are expected to begin early next week.

Commissioner Rob-

ert Brown reported no issues with the city streets; however, he noted there had been a concern raised about grass growing in cracks on Short Street.

Mayor Webb and Commissioner Mande O'Leary reported a problem with unknown individuals dumping trash at Baker Park. The city has a video of at least one individual who left trash at two different locations in the park. Mayor Webb said on Monday night that any person identified personal trash at the park will be prosecuted by the city. It was also noted that the restrooms at Baker Park have been vandalized.

Code Enforcement Officer Chris O'Leary reported seven cases of violation in the city have been closed. One case is currently being monitored, and three new violations of the city's nuisance ordinance have been opened. Additionally, two citations are expected to be issued later this week, and four citations are pending and are under investigation.

In other business concerning code enforcement, the commission approved increasing the salary for the code enforcement officer from \$200.00 to \$250.00 per month. That increased was approved on a 3-0 vote. Commissioner O'Leary abstained when the vote was called.

The commission approved setting trick or treat hours at 4:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. on Friday, October 31.

Mayor Webb reported the city's three employees are interested in acquiring dental and vision insurance from AFLAC. City Clerk Barb Goff will obtain additional information, and the matter will be discussed again in October.

Prior to adjournment, Mayor Webb made a statement concerning the city's finances. "The last water increase in the city came in January 2024," he said. "We need a rate increase," he added. Webb told commissioners the city currently services 465 water meters, and the batteries in those meters will be need to be replaced within five years. The cost of that renovation is \$300.00 per meter, according to the mayor. The mayor also noted the commission should have considered a tax rate increase this year. He emphasized the need to keep the city's revenue stream fluid and up to date.

Commissioner Peggy Poole agreed, saying, "Water is our revenue producer."

There was no further discussion concerning a rate increase; however, Mayor Webb indicated the matter would have to be addressed in the future.

No further business came before the commission, and the meeting adjourned at 6:30 P.M.

The next regular meeting for the Dixon City Commission is Monday, October 13, 6:00 P.M.



VONETTE SHELTON CUTIS is pictured with Tamela Faulkner, Past Conflicts Reparations Branch, and US Army Sgt. Adam Biggers looking at photos Curtis has collected in connections with her uncle SSgt Junior J. Shelton, whose remains have been identified 81 years after he was killed in action in Germany during World War II. SSgt. Shelton's remains have been recovered and will be brought

## World War II Veteran

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small villages and were completely visible for enemy artillery.

On October 2, HQ 115th Infantry Regiment sent the 1st battalion, SSgt. Shelton's Company B to capture the town of Hatterath; third battalion advanced to Kreuzrath and Birgden with the support of 747th Tank Battalion, and by mid-morning, both of their objectives had been taken. The regiments 2nd battalion was sent forward to capture Hanbusch, a forest just south of Hatterath, and again the US was successful in their mission. By nightfall, the 115th Regiment has established a new line.

October 3, was a new day, and a new push by US forces that resumed their offensive. The second and third battalions were to clear out Birgden/Kreuzrath while the 1st battalion led by SSgt. Shelton turned eastward to Niederheid. The 1st Battalion's assault began at 5:30 p.m., but was quickly stopped by intense enemy fire in the woods north of Hatterath. Around midnight Regiment headquarters ordered the 1st and 2nd Battalions forward, and for three hours they advanced in the darkness, encountering enemy troops along the way. By 3:00 a.m. resistance had increased to the point US soldiers could advance no further, and they awaited further orders.

After daybreak on October 4, Regiment Headquarters sent all battalions forward and about 10:00 a.m. 1st Battalion, C Company advanced into the woods. Records show that initially the advancement went well—SSgt. Shelton's B Company moved to the southern half of the woods on C Company's right flank, but despite

their closeness, heavy vegetation limited their visibility and contact. By late afternoon German troops had managed to exploit the gap and nearly surround C Company. SSgt. Shelton's B company was ordered to move north to assist C Company, but they were pressured to retreat by German forces, leaving the woods in enemy hands. The intense fighting grew and five men did not make it back to Hatterath. The October 4, battles brought heavy casualties to the 115th Regiment, among them was SSgt. Shelton and four others in his company. Shelton was declared "missing in action" and his parents were notified, a short time later, the Army created a Report of Death for him, listing Shelton as killed in action (KIA).

Over the next few days, the US forces held the line at Hatterath, and in November 1944 British forces arrived to relieve US troops and take over the line. They remained until January 1945 when US forces launched a major offensive to the southeast, pushing the Germans to the Roer River. In January 1945, Allies moved the line eastward, giving the US Army, whose motto is "leave no man behind" an opportunity to search for those lost in the October 4, 1944 firefights.

SSgt. Shelton was not among those that were found, and it would be August 1947, before another search for SSgt. Shelton and four other MIAs was made.

Next week SSgt. Junior J. Shelton's journey home continues with the US Army continuing their search for the remains—that search covers a span several years.

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