



# THE OAKDALE TIMES

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## TOM STURGEON GOES TO THE TOP!

A celebration was held Saturday, January 9<sup>th</sup> in honor of Tom Sturgeon of Oakdale Masonic Lodge #669.

Tom is the first member of the Oakdale Lodge to ever become the Right Worshipful Grand Master of Pennsylvania. He will serve in that highest position for two years.

Tom served the North Fayette Police Department from 1968-1994, rising through the ranks to become Chief of Police in 1976. He left North Fayette and was appointed the Superintendent of the Allegheny County Police in 1997. From there he moved up to the Attorney General, Mike Fisher's, office as the Regional Director for the eight southwest counties for the Office of Attorney General's Bureau of Narcotics Investigation and Drug Control from 2002 to 2005. From 2005 until his retirement in December 2009, he held the position of Deputy Director of the Bureau of Investigations and Enforcement and Director of the Bureau of Casino Compliance for the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board.



Wallace Dub Sturgeon	Tom Sturgeon	Wilson Sturgeon
Senior Grand Deacon of	Right Worshipful	Grand Sword Bearer
Grand Lodge of PA	Grand Master of PA of	Grand Lodge of PA

In addressing a huge crowd from all over the state at the Oakdale Community/Senior Center, Tom said he was proud to be from America's Home Town of Oakdale. He further stated that he will not be just a ceremonial leader, but a leader for change to make the Masonic fraternity larger, stronger, and more vibrant in all the communities in Pennsylvania. Oakdale wishes Tom Sturgeon Godspeed!

### Delinquent Real Estate Accounts!

On March 1, 2010 all 2008 and 2009 delinquent real estate accounts will be turned over to our delinquent real estate tax collector, Jordan Tax Service. Heavy fines and penalties over and above what has been charged in the past will be added to your delinquent tax bill when notices are sent from Jordan Tax. You have until February 28, 2010 to make remittance to Oakdale Borough before incurring the additional fines and penalties from Jordan Tax Service.

### THANK YOU FROM THE TENNYSON FAMILY

Thank you to all that participated in the "8<sup>th</sup> Annual Sammy Tennyson Memorial Toy Drive"! It was another great success as always this year! On Monday December 21st, we delivered two truck loads full of toys, gift cards and phone cards! The overwhelming donations were much appreciated by the Child Life Department at Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh. We appreciate everyone's donations and participation in our toy drive honoring our son Sammy Tennyson. It is a true reflection of the great people who live in Oakdale Borough and would consider our toy drive a worthy cause in these rough economic times. A special "thank you" to Sensei Gino and ALL the Karate members at The House of Martial Arts for being our drop-off location and taking good care of all the donations until they were picked up! Thank you to Huckleberry's Store for once again thinking of us and donating such wonderful gifts! And, to Laura and the Oakdale Borough Council for donating the proceeds of the 50/50 raffle and Chinese Auction from the Christmas Vendor show to our cause during this year's light up night. This generous donation enabled us to purchase many toys, gift cards, phone cards, batteries and just too many items to mention. Most of all thank you to all of the anonymous donors that dropped off gifts at our home. It was amazing to see the generosity of individuals and families that cared enough to make this year's toy drive one of the largest ever. We can not thank you enough and we hope everyone has a happy, healthy, and safe 2010!

**IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ALL WATER CUSTOMERS!**

Oakdale Borough is being mandated by the Pennsylvania DEP to update our customer records with emergency contact information in case of a water emergency. Oakdale Borough needs all residents phone numbers for this emergency notification system to work. We need a phone number where we can reach the residents such as home number or cell numbers, not non-resident family members. Please provide us with two phone numbers to contact you directly incase of any borough emergency. **THIS IS MANDATED BY THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION!**

This system can also be used for any Borough emergency's such as a power outage, water break, or upcoming Borough event.

If your emergency contact information is not received by the Borough, we cannot contact you in case of any emergency. You will see Oakdale Borough as the caller ID on your phone.

Please complete the information below and return it to the Borough office by February 28th, 2010 or e-mail us at [ahlborn@oakdaleborough.com](mailto:ahlborn@oakdaleborough.com).

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**EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

EMERGENCY PHONE #1 \_\_\_\_\_

EMERGENCY PHONE #2 \_\_\_\_\_

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**Pavilion Rentals**

**Oakdale Borough Park Pavilions will be available for rent as follows:**

NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS

Now Available \$50.00 (security deposit)

OAKDALE RESIDENTS

Available February 1st

\$110.00 (security deposit included)

NON RESIDENTS

Available March 1st

\$145.00 (security deposit included)

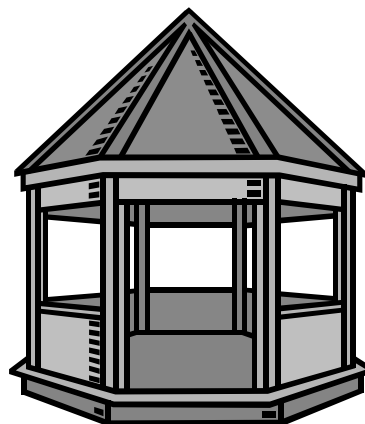


Photo I.D. will be required for all renters of the pavilion! Please contact the Borough office for more information at 724-693-9740 or [ahlborn@oakdaleborough.com](mailto:ahlborn@oakdaleborough.com).

**2010 Baseball and Softball Registrations for Oakdale Youth League:** It's not too late to sign-up for Spring T-Ball, Baseball and Softball. The Oakdale Youth League is still accepting registration for the 2010 season. Until March 1<sup>st</sup> Registration forms can be found on the website at [www.leaguelineup.com/oyl](http://www.leaguelineup.com/oyl) or contact Al Pifer at (724) 693-8951.

**Bingo:** The Oakdale Hose Company will be hosting BINGO on Saturday, February 6th at the Oakdale Community Center. Doors will open at 5PM with early bird games at 6:30PM and regular games beginnings at 7PM. Please contact the fire department at (724) 693-0791 for additional information.

**Borough Street Lights:** It is appreciated, when a resident notices a street light out, if they would call Oakdale Police at (724) 693-9639 or (724) 321-4923. Thank you!

**Message From The Chief, Jim Lauria:** Even though our Public Work crew is very diligent in keeping the roads and sidewalks clear of snow and ice, it still occurs. Yes, we are heading toward spring and just because the DPW does such a good job at the winter clean up, doesn't mean that people don't have to be aware and take safety precautions while walking or driving in snow, ice, and extreme cold weather. If you feel unsafe or that the walkways are unsafe or the roads look slippery call Police @ 911 and they will have the DPW take care of it.

**Occupation Tax:** The Occupation Tax for Oakdale Borough will change to \$52.00 for 2010.

**Pace:** PACE card holders, please bring your card to the Borough office for discount for water and free garbage for 2010.

**President's Day:** There will be garbage pickup and the Borough office will be open on Monday, February 15th.

**Senior Lunch:** Are you over 60? Have lunch with us at the Oakdale Community Center. For additional information, please call Paul at (724) 693-8540.

**Snow Removal:** During winter weather, when shoveling sidewalks and driveways, remember that you are not permitted to shovel snow into the streets. This creates a problem for our road crew and other drivers, so please shovel the snow into your yards. Also, remember to keep walks and steps clear, to help prevent slip and fall accidents to pedestrians and mail carriers/delivery persons who must be out in adverse weather conditions. Violation of these offenses could result in fines.

**Water Main Break:** From time to time, Oakdale Borough has a water main break...if you notice a water main break, please call the contact Oakdale Police at (724) 693-9639 or (724) 321-4923.

**Borough Reorganization:** On January 7<sup>th</sup> Oakdale Borough Council held its reorganization meeting. Outgoing Council member, Russ Campbell, was honored for his 20 years of service and dedication to Oakdale Borough. District Magistrate Anthony Savakis swore in newly elected council members Huck Gamble, Bud Sturgeon and Donna Swider as Tax Collector. Donald Hines newly elected Constable and Mayor Rohbeck had been sworn in previously. Council re-elected Huck Gamble as president and Paul Hennemuth as vice-president. The other appointments that were made are as follows: Chief of Police Jim Lauria; Maintenance Foreman, Bob Patterson; Borough Secretary/Treasurer; Kelly Rohbeck; and Borough Assistant Borough Secretary Laura Ahlborn. The Oakdale Borough Council meets on the first Thursday of the month at 7:30pm in the Community Center.

**Tax Informtion:** If you are asking yourself why am I getting this form WA-40? Act 52 requires all residents subject to the EARNED AND NET INCOME PROFITS TAX, on or before April 15<sup>th</sup>, of the succeeding year, to make and file with the tax collector on a form prescribed or approved by the officer, a final return showing the amount of earned income and net profits earned during the year. Some taxpayers think that just because their tax was withheld by their employer that the money went to OAKDALE BOROUGH. When the Taxpayer's Bill of Rights (Act 50 of 1988) was passed, if and when your tax was withheld by your employer and recorded on your W-2, YOU must file with your taxing district, and your obligation ends. It then becomes the tax collector's obligation to collect that money from the municipality or tax collection agency that it went to. We cannot go after that money without a copy of your W-2. For forms or additional information, call Kelly Rohbeck at 724-693-9740 or e-mail at [rohbeck@oakdaleborough.com](mailto:rohbeck@oakdaleborough.com)



**Hoagie Sale:** Pack 848 of Oakdale is having a Hoagie Sale, must order by Tuesday, February 9<sup>th</sup> delivery on the evening of Thursday, February 18<sup>th</sup> cost of hoagie is \$6. The selection of hoagie we have is Italian, Baked Ham, Roast Beef, Turkey, Four Cheese and Pepperoni...if interested please contact Theresa Locke at (724) 693-2994 and leave a message with your name, phone number, and hoagie that you want. Hoagies by A&K Fundraiser of Weirton West Virginia (Don Donaldson, owner).

**Pancake Breakfast:** Boy Scout Troop 248 will be holding a "Valentine Day" Pancake breakfast at the Oakdale Community Center on Sunday February 14 from 8 am to 2 PM. The cost will be \$6 for adults, \$5 for seniors and \$3 for children under the age of 5. Breakfast will consist of Pancakes, sausage, fruit cup, OJ, Coffee and Tea. There will be Chinese auctions. All the proceeds from the Breakfast will go to the Friends of Killbuck Lodge for the rebuilding of the Scout Cabin on Clinton Ave. If you would like to donate items for the Chinese auction or advertise on the place mats please call Ron Parrish at (724) 693-9230.

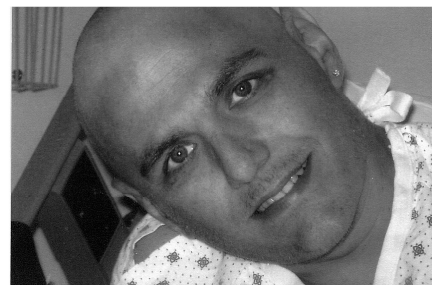


### **Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser To Benefit The Hicks Family Medical Expenses**

**Saturday, February 27th, 3:30PM-7PM - Adults \$8, Children \$5 - Take Out Available - Chinese Auction**

**Contact Tiffany Kehm By 2/18 @ (724) 693-0120 To Donate To Chinese Auction**

Ralph (Bud) Hicks, Jr. (Imperial, PA) was diagnosed with leukemia approx. 9 months ago. In June, 2009, Bud entered Shadyside Hospital for chemo treatments to put the disease into remission so he could receive a bone marrow transplant. With the exception of 2 weeks, he has been in the hospital since then receiving treatment, fighting blood clots and finally in November received the transplant from his sister, Candace Stalling of Oakdale. Two months of rehab followed, and the family's hardship was compounded by the death of Bud's mother. Finally on Jan. 14, 2010, Bud was released and is presently recovering well. Now the family has begun the daunting task of dealing with the medical expenses. To assist the



family with the expenses, Oakdale U.P. Church and the ROCK Youth Center are co-hosting a fund raiser spaghetti dinner as noted above. We hope you can attend, but if not your thoughts and prayers are greatly appreciated. To help us in our preparation, if you plan to attend please e-mail [celicker@gfnet.com](mailto:celicker@gfnet.com) or call (724) 693-2097 with your estimated number attending. This would be non-binding, simply to help us plan. Thanks.

## **OAKDALE BOROUGH SNOWMAN CONTEST**

**Most Creative / Most Traditional / Biggest  
Through March 1, 2010**

Oakdale Borough is seeking the most wonderful snowmen in the Borough! Send us photos of your snow creations to be considered in one of three different categories: Most Traditional, Most Creative, and Biggest. Send us an e-mail or mail them to: Oakdale Borough, 6115 Noblestown Road, Oakdale, PA 15071

**Enter Your Oakdale Borough Snowman Today! Here's what you must include with your snowman photo to enter:**

Please include your:

Name

Address

Telephone Number

E-Mail Address

Snowman Photo (as an attachment to the e-mail or as a photo if you send it US Mail...entries can be digital or regular photographs)

**Contest entries are for Oakdale Borough residents ONLY.** You may enter as many different snowmen as you like throughout the winter season until March 1, 2010. Photo entries will be available for viewing on our website shortly after they are submitted. All snowmen **MUST** be built during the 2009-2010 winter season. Voting for Oakdale Borough's favorite snowmen will take place from April 1 through April 12. Votes can be submitted from anyone. (One vote per address and e-mail address, please.) The snowman with the most votes in each category will win a \$25 gift card. So, let it snow! Oakdale Borough snowmen are coming!

