



# THE OAKDALE TIMES

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## 2016 BOROUGH COUNCIL



**Oakdale Borough Council Members (Left to Right):** Jonathan Debor; Tom Potts; Mark Maximovich, Vice President; Bill Hartman Jr.; Huck Gamble, President; Paul Hennemuth, Mayor

### SNOW REMOVAL

When shoveling sidewalks and driveways during winter weather, please 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 yard. Also, please remember to keep walks and steps clear, in order to help prevent slip and fall accidents to pedestrians and mail carriers/delivery persons who must be out in adverse weather conditions. Violations could result in Fines.



### CHRISTMAS LIGHTS CONTEST

This year's Christmas Lights Contest was a tough one to judge! It came down to four homes that really went all out this year. In a challenging competition, the **2015 Winner was Paul and Doris Wolfe of 204 Spring Street!**

Due to the many wonderful Displays, Oakdale's Volunteer Fire Department, The Hose Company, would like to add Honorable Mentions for the 2015 Season. (Each of these Homes has been a previous Contest Winner!)

600 First Street / 407 Highland Avenue / 203 Merriwood Drive

### PRESIDENTS' DAY

The Borough Office will be OPEN on President's Day, Monday, February 15th, from 8:30am to 4:30pm, and **there will be regular Garbage Pick Up.**



## **BOROUGH UPDATE**

### **JANUARY BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING UPDATE**

- Mayor Hennemuth swore in Councilmen Tom Potts, Mark Maximovich, and Jonathan Debor.
- Borough Council voted Huck Gamble as President of Council and Mark Maximovich as Vice-President of Council.
- Mr. Mark Maximovich made a Motion to Appoint the following:
  - Gaitens, Tucceri and Nicholas as Borough Solicitor
  - Chester Engineers as Engineering Firm
  - Jordan Tax Service as Regular and Delinquent Earned Income Tax Collector
  - Jordan Tax Services as Delinquent Real Estate Tax Collector
  - Mark Turnley as Auditor
  - Building Inspection Underwriters of Pa, Inc. as Building Inspector and Code Official
- Mr. Jonathan DeBor made a Motion to Appoint the following:
  - James Lauria as Chief of Police
  - Ryan McIntyre as Sergeant of Police
  - Kelly Rohbeck as Borough Secretary/Treasurer
  - Michelle Franchek as Assistant Borough Secretary
  - Gary Lauderbaugh as Maintenance Supervisor
- Mr. Tom Potts made a Motion to award low bidder of the First St. Bridge Deck Replacement Project to Gary Metzinger Cement Contractor, Inc. in the amount of \$119,640.00.
- Mr. Bill Hartman, Jr. made a Motion to Appoint the following:
  - Pittsburgh Tribune Review for Official Newspaper of Record
  - PNC Bank for Bank of Deposits
  - Robert Ostrander, Bob Cohen and James Goodwill as the Zoning Board
  - Roger Williams as the Available Operator for the Water System
- Chief Lauria reported that there were 68 Police Calls in December.

### **“AMERICA’S HOMETOWN” T-SHIRTS AND POLOS: AVAILABLE NOW!**



“Oakdale: America’s Hometown” T-Shirts and Polo Shirts are available for purchase at the Borough Office.

Both T-Shirts and Polo Shirts are a Cotton/Polyester Blend, and are available in size Small through 3XL. The T-Shirts are priced at \$6 each, and Polo Shirts are priced at \$12 each.

### **REMEMBERING OAKDALE’S PAST RESIDENTS**

**Arthur James Russ, Jr.** was born in Oakdale on February 20, 1921, and passed away on October 30, 2015.

Jim served as a Radio Operator in the Army Air Corps with the OSS during WWII. Following his years of employment with Blue Cross Blue Shield of Western PA, he took over Crow Insurance Agency in Smithfield PA and made a great success of it! He retired to Florida in 1983, and then moved back to Fayette County to be near family until his final years, when he lived at the Goodwill Mennonite Village in Grantsville MD. He was married to Alice Russ for 69 years, and they have two children, Daniel Humphries-Russ and Darcy Miller.

One of the enduring joys of Jim’s life was his long friendship with Ralph Keenan - also a native of Oakdale. He and Ralph were friends for over 90 years; a friendship that began and was nurtured right here in Oakdale!

**Laura Etta McLean** of Charlotte, TN. died December 16, 2015, at the age of 96. Laura is survived by Son, James McLean (Candace) of FL; Daughters: Roberta Long (James) of TN & Nancy Fowler of TN; Grandchildren: Robert Taylor, Dean Taylor (Lisa), Mark Taylor (Carolyn), Shelly Bonalewicz, Robin Miller (Rick), Allyson Yates (Jeff); Great Grandchildren: Brandon, Steven, Michael, Britney, Ashley, Richard & Rylee.

Laura and her previously deceased husband, Harold J. McLean, grew up and lived in Oakdale for many years before they moved to Florida, and then in their golden years, to Tennessee. Harold worked in the Steel Mills in the Oakdale area, owned and operated a Gulf Gas Station in Oakdale, and the two of them spent many a joyful night at Boock’s Bar! Harold was 92 when he died seven years ago.

**PAVILION RENTALS**

Oakdale Borough Park Pavilions will be available for Rent as Follows:

**NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS**

Available NOW

\$100.00 (Security Deposit Incl.)

**OAKDALE RESIDENTS**

Available NOW

\$120.00 (Security Deposit Incl.)

**NON RESIDENTS**

Available February 25th

\$155.00 (Security Deposit Incl.)



Photo ID will be required for all Renters! Please contact the Borough Office for additional information (724-693-9740 or [franchek@oakdaleborough.com](mailto:franchek@oakdaleborough.com)).

**OAKDALE YOUTH LEAGUE: 2016 Baseball and Softball Registrations for Oakdale Youth League**



Wednesday, February 10, 2016	6:00pm - 7:00pm	Oakdale Community Center
Saturday, February 13, 2016	12:00pm - 4:00pm	Oakdale Community Center
Sunday, February 21, 2016	12:00pm - 4:00pm	Dick's Sporting Goods (Robinson Twp.)

If you cannot attend Registration you may also register via mail by printing a Registration Form from the Youth League's website ([www.leaguelineup.com/oyl](http://www.leaguelineup.com/oyl)) and sending a check payable to OYL (Oakdale Youth League) to 607 1st Street, Oakdale, PA 15071. Registration is due by the end of February 2016.

**WA ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME COMMITTEE NOW ACCEPTING NOMINATIONS**

The West Allegheny Athletic Hall of Fame Program is a Districtwide, Community Based Program that was formed over five years ago to honor those Athletes that have excelled in Sports at W.A. and have gone on to distinguish themselves as productive members of our society. In addition, the Program honors those Coaches who have dedicated extraordinary time in support of Sports at W.A.

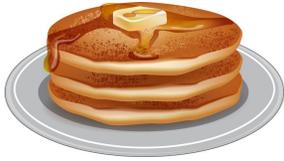
If you know someone who may be worthy of this honor, Nomination Packages and an Outline of Qualifications for 2016 Inductee Consideration are now available at the Borough Office. A Banquet will be held on May 21, 2016, to honor this year's Inductees. The Deadline for submission of Nomination Packages is Friday, February 12, 2016.

**THEN AND NOW**

Did you know that in the early days, Willow Avenue was Oakdale's "Main Street?" And did you know that the main thoroughfare from Willow to State Street (now Noblestown Road) was a Bridge between what is now the Karate Studio and Business Legal ('The Bank Building)?

The original State Street Bridge washed away in the 1904 Flood, and had been replaced with an iron and wood structure, which was quickly becoming unsafe due to years of increased automobile traffic. The Project to rebuild the Bridge in its current location was initiated by Borough Council in 1919, and was completed in 1921.





# Valentine Pancake Breakfast

Saturday, February 13<sup>th</sup> from 8am to 2pm  
at The Oakdale Community Center  
Pancakes, Sausage, Fruit Cup  
and Beverage (*Coffee Available*)



**\$6.00 for Adults / \$5.00 for Seniors / \$3.00 for Children under 6 Years of Age**

The Friends of Killbuck Lodge will be hosting a Valentine Day Pancake Breakfast and Chinese Auction at the Oakdale Community Center. All proceeds will be used for the construction of the 200 year old Boy Scout Log Cabin on Clinton Avenue - Home of Boy Scout Troop 248 since 1933!

Thank you all for your support during the rebuilding of Killbuck Lodge!

**Donations for the Chinese Auction and Advertising can be arranged by contacting Ron Parrish (724-693-9230 or [friendsofkillbucklodge@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofkillbucklodge@gmail.com)).**

## **SAVE THE DATE: Oakdale Community Day with the Washington Wild Things!**

America's Home Town will hold its second "Community Day" at Consol Energy Park (Washington, PA) on **Friday, June 19, 2015**, with an exciting professional Baseball Game (Windy City Thunderbolts vs. Washington Wild Things) and opportunities for Oakdale's Residents and Friends to participate in several on-field activities! The Friday Evening Game will be immediately followed by a fantastic Fireworks Display!



For details regarding Game Ticket (including 'BallPark Meal') and Parking Pass purchase, as well as participation in the Day's Activities, check out future Editions of The Oakdale Borough Times!

## **VITA TAX SERVICES**

If you or someone you know is in need of help with their Taxes, consider the VITA Program this Tax Season. The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program is offered free to qualifying individuals. IRS-Certified Volunteers provide basic State and Federal Income Tax Return preparation with electronic filing. Volunteers will prepare State and Federal Taxes **BY APPOINTMENT ONLY (NO WALK-INS)** during February, March and April.

All interested Residents should call or stop by the Western Allegheny Community Library **beginning January 11** to schedule an Appointment. *Please call early to be assured of an Appointment. You may schedule an Appointment prior to receiving the required Tax documents. (If you miss your Appointment and do not call to cancel in advance, you will not be rescheduled.)* Stop by or call (724-695-8150) to learn more about this great service.

You are ineligible if any of the following apply:

- Own Rental Property
- Own a Business
- Have Limited Partnership in a Business
- Gross Income is more than \$53,000
- **No Out-of-State Returns**

The Oakdale Youth League will Host a  
**"Lenten\* Spaghetti Dinner"** on **Friday, March 18th** from  
**4pm - 8pm** at **The Oakdale Community Center.**  
**Eat In or Take Out / Chinese Auction / Proceeds Benefit OYL**  
**Watch for Details in next month's Oakdale Borough Times!**

\* Meatless Sauce Available

