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SANTA CLAUS VISITS OAKDALE!

Despite a bit of rain in the forecast, a joyful crowd of Oakdale Citizens gathered at the Gazebo Area to welcome Santa to town on Light Up Night, November 28th. Biber's Garage was on hand to care for the Sleigh and Reindeer while Santa relaxed with his Oakdale Friends at The Rock!

A talented group from The Rock led the singing of Christmas Carols, Bill Gamble made introductions and announcements, and Mayor Hennemuth organized the official Countdown to light the Tree and other beautiful Christmas Lights and Decorations - just in time to see Santa riding in on his Sleigh!

Everyone was invited to join Santa at The Rock, where children shared Wish Lists as they were photographed with the Head Elf, himself! Volunteers served hot cocoa and coffee provided by The Rock, and cookies donated by Masonic Lodge 669. O'Connor Insurance Agency supported the Celebration with a donation for Photo Mailing, as well as packets containing Holiday Safety Information.

The ROCK and Oakdale Borough would like to thank all who have helped to make this a joyful Christmas Season. We would also like to thank everyone who came out and participated. Wishing you all a Blessed New Year!



OAKDALE BOROUGH SEWAGE RATE INCREASE FOR 2016

Sewage Rates, which are not controlled by Borough Council, will increase for 2016. We have received notification from Alcosan of an 11% increase over 2015 Rates, which equates to a \$2.20 increase for the first 1000 gallons of water used and \$1.05 for each additional thousand gallons.

The average household water usage is 4,000 gallons each month. This would mean the Sewage portion of a monthly Bill would go from \$48.20 to \$53.55, which would be an increase of \$5.35 per month for 4,000 gallons of water usage. PA American Water also advised of a minimal increase in Water Rates; however, there will be no additional charge to Oakdale Residents for 2016.

Rate Increases are necessary, from time to time, in order to pay for upkeep and replacement of our aging infrastructure. Remember that funds collected for Water and Sewer may ONLY be used for Water and Sewer Projects!

CHRISTMAS TREE PICK-UP

Oakdale Borough will participate in the recycling/composting of Christmas Trees for Borough Residents, again this year. Residents may leave Christmas Trees on the curb for pick up by Borough Maintenance Staff on Thursday, January 14th. The trees must be removed from the stands and may not have any electrical cords, strings, ropes, ornaments or tree lights still attached.



BOROUGH UPDATE

DECEMBER BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING UPDATE

- Mr. Mark Maximovich made a Motion to approve the 2016 Budget.
- Mr. Mark Maximovich made a Motion to approve Oakdale Borough Ordinance No. 2015-5, setting the 2016 Tax Millage Rate of 5.0 Mills on each dollar of assessed value. This is an increase of 2.01 Mills from 2015, and is the first Tax Increase since 2010.
- Mr. Jonathan DeBor made a Motion to hire Trent Talbert as a Part-Time Police Officer.
- Mr. Jonathan DeBor made a Motion to pass Oakdale Borough Resolution No. 5-2015, authorizing the Borough of Oakdale to enter into an Interim Consent Order and Agreement with the Allegheny County Health Department concerning Oakdale Borough's Sanitary Sewer System.
- Mr. Tom Potts made a Motion to pass Oakdale Borough Resolution No. 6-2015, authorizing a Sewer Rate Increase of \$2.20 for the 1st 1,000 gallons of water usage and \$1.05 for each additional 1,000 gallons of water usage, due to the Rate Increase from Alcosan.
- Mr. Bill Hartman, Jr. made a Motion to pass Oakdale Borough Resolution No. 7-2015, updating Fees for Oakdale Borough.
- Mayor Hennemuth thanked everyone for making this year's Light Up Night another success.
- Chief Lauria reported that there were 63 calls in November.
- A concerned Resident asked Council to please take Oak Heights Drive under consideration for paving in 2016.

BILL GRIFFITH PASSES AWAY

William (Bill) Griffith passed away November 19, 2015. Bill was born on April 23, 1931, to Addison and Lowell Griffith. Ad, as his father was affectionately known, was Oakdale's respected Tax Collector for many years.

Bill, a graduate of Oakdale High, went on to earn a B.S. in Biology at Grove City College, and then to the U.S. Navy, where he served as a Lieutenant. He was the successful owner of Stillson and Donahay Casualty Insurance.

Bill played on Oakdale High's last Football Team in 1948, along side of Huck Gamble, Bill Thomas and Rich Fyola - the only known, living members of the Team!

Bill is survived by his wife, Judy, sister, Rowene, two sons: Scott (Patti) and Jeff (Lori), two daughters: Kristen (Andrew) and Amy (Todd), who lives in the old family home at 50 Fayette Street. He is also survived by stepdaughter, Kristen, and 11 grandchildren.

Bill will be missed by friends and family.



"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.

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

Oakdale Youth League 2016 Softball and Baseball Registration is scheduled as follows:

Saturday, January 30, 2016	12:00pm - 4:00pm	Oakdale Community Center
Sunday, January 31, 2016	12:00pm - 4:00pm	Oakdale Community Center
Wednesday, February 10, 2016	6:00pm - 7:00pm	Oakdale Community Center
Saturday, February 13, 2016	12:00pm - 4:00pm	Oakdale Community Center



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) 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.

****Fundraiser Tickets must be paid for at time of Registration (\$50/Family).**

PAVILION RENTALS

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

NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS OAKDALE RESIDENTS

Available January 4th

\$50.00 (Security Deposit)

Available January 28th

\$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).

TROOP 248 NEWS

Troop 248 Visits Harrisburg

Members of Troop 248 joined PA State Representative Jason Ortitay for his Bus Trip to Harrisburg on December 8, 2015. The trip included a Tour of the PA Governor's Mansion, Tours of the PA Capitol Building, PA Senate Chambers, and the Christmas Tree Lighting at the PA Capitol Building. Scouts also had the opportunity for a 'Meet and Discussion' with PA Representative Ortitay.

Troop 248 Member Earns the National BSA Outdoor Challenge Award for Camping

Troop 248 announces that Life Scout, Hayden Shipley, has qualified and earned the National BSA Outdoor Challenge Award for Camping. The National BSA Challenge Awards are available in five different outdoor challenge areas and are earned by demonstrating advanced skills and knowledge of the specific field challenge.

87th Eagle Scout for Troop 248

Troop 248 is proud to announce our 87th Eagle Scout, **Jarrett W. Parker**. Jarrett completed his Eagle Board of Review on December 1, 2015. For his Eagle Scout Service Project, Jarrett designed, built and installed two bridges on the walking trails at the Pittsburgh Botanical Gardens. This Project gave better access to the garden trails and opened additional area to the public. Jarrett, a Senior at West Allegheny School, will be attending college in the Fall, and will plan to Major in Engineering. He is currently looking at Penn State as his college of choice.



Inside PA State Capital: (Top, Left to Right) Thomas Taylor, Michael Snyder, Noah Magdich, Nicole Magdich; (Bottom, Left to Right) Matthew Ford, Jaxon Pottle, Rep. Jason Ortitay, Anthony Snyder, Joey Cosnek, Kyle Magdich, Ethan Cooper, Brett Kot



Valentine Pancake Breakfast

Saturday, February 13th 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!

Advertising for our Placemats is Available:

\$10 for a 10-Word Dedication, \$25 for a Business Card, or \$50 for a 3" x 5" Ad

(Deadline for Advertising: February 1, 2015)

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

Western Allegheny Community Library Winter Reading Program at WACL

Looking to chase away the winter blues? Join the Winter Reading Program at Western Allegheny Community Library for a chance to win some great prizes! It is easy to join—just stop by the library to register.



1. **READ.** You can read anything that you'd like – as long as you're reading, it counts!
2. **RECORD.** Keep track of the time spent reading.
3. **REWARDS!** Bring in a completed Reading Log to get your ticket towards a prize. The more books you read, the more chances you'll have to win. The drawing will take place after the Winter Reading Program has ended and you'll be notified if you won.



For details and a full schedule of programs available visit the library's website at www.WesternAlleghenyLibrary.org.

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!



Reminder: The ROCK, Youth & Family Center still has Memberships available for its After School Program: Mon-Thurs. from 3-7pm, \$25 per Child or \$50.00 per Family (Amount covers Membership from the day you start until May 26, 2016). Also, The ROCK is a great place to rent for those winter birthdays and special occasions! \$100.00 for a 3hr rental with Friday & Saturday availability. Call during business hours (4-7pm) or leave a message (724-693-2777, rock.oakdale@gmail.com, <https://www.facebook.com/TheROCK.Oakdale>).