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This is Ron Martin from the Village of Oxford Fire Department in Chenango County; I am contacting you in hopes of receiving some help from our neighboring county.

I have been chief of the Village of Oxford Fire Department for 3 years, replacing my successor William Harvey Jr. who held the term twice for 5 years each. Bill is also deputy Fire Coordinator Car 4 in charge of Fire Investigations in Chenango County. The reason I am contacting you is that Bill's son Todd who is 23 is battling cancer and is at Duke Hospital in intensive care undergoing Interlukin II treatments, this is expensive and is a long travel for his family to give him the support he needs in an effort to beat this.

We at the Oxford Fire Department are putting together a benefit that will last three days beginning on Friday October 30th, Saturday October 31st and Sunday November 1st, I am asking you - brother to brother for your help in spreading the word.

Some of the events already set up include:

Friday:

Dueling Pianos located at the firehouse, this is where musicians go up against each other playing for money, people put a song they want to hear on paper send it up with a donation and one plays the song until another donation that trumps the first one comes up. If that happens then the current song stops and they go to the new song, if one musician does not know how to play or sing it he passes it to the other, it is part musical talent and comedy act together.

We have 2 fine keyboard musicians already scheduled, if you know of any please let us know.

We are also planning a fire truck cruise in for Friday.

Saturday:

- Golf tournament at Bluestone Golf Course.
- We will have an auction by the firehouse
- Bandslam where 5 bands have already committed. (more are needed if you have any in mind)
- Sumo wrestling tournament
- Foods of all types
- Beverages
- Adult beverages

Sunday:

- Bike ride / poker run
- Pig roast
- And possibly another band.

I will let you know specific times, we are looking for donations of actionable items as well, if you have any contacts for signed sports memorabilia or other types of items please let me know.

Bill has spent the last 35 years of dedicated service to the Village of Oxford Fire department in both fire and EMS and also has dedicated the last 24 years as an arson investigator for the county. I am asking for your help in any participation that you could provide. Please pass the word to the departments you service.

Thank You!

Ronald Martin Jr.

Village of Oxford Fire Chief