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TALES OF THE YOSEMITE BACK COUNTRY, MATHER SADDLÉ & PACK STATION

# Submit a Nomination for Annual Dinner & Auction

Each September at our Annual Dinner & Auction the Cowboy Museum honors an individual or family who has been involved in our local western history. These people have demonstrated through their daily lives the passion for ranching or rodeo and have made a contribution to our western traditions and heritage. If you would like to submit a nomination for this year, please complete the nomination form on the Museum website or stop by the Cowboy Museum. All nominees are reviewed and voted upon by the Cowboy Museum's Board of Directors. The deadline to receive nominations is February 14, 2014.

This years Annual Dinner & Auction Fundraiser will be held on Saturday, September 20, 2014 at the Pioneer Equine Hospital

#### **Past Honorees:**

2000 Sonny Tureman

2001 Les Hirdes

2002 Phil Stadtler

2003 The Orvis Family

2004 Harley May

2005 Doc Dorius

2006 Jim Charles, Bill Martinelli & Bob Edison

2007 Founding Board of Directors for the Cowboy Museum

2008 Chester Cook & The Cook Ranch

2009 The Rosasco Family

2010 Leo, Jerold & Reg Camarillo

2011 Bob Brunker & Rancho Del Rio Estanislaus

2012 Early Cattle Haulers of Our Area

2013 Cotton Rosser & Flying U Rodeo

### Posthumous recognition:

2003 Doc Britton

2004 Fred Valenzuela

2005 Vic & Trudy Castro

2006 Russ Santos

2008 John Grohl

2009 Colin Harvey

2010 Dave & Vi Ramont

2011 Dick Pascoe

2012 Tom Butler and Tom Clark

2013 – Introduction of Chester Cook Memorial Wall at Cowboy Museum

## OAKDALE COWBOY MUSEUM ANNOUNCES 2014 SCHOLARSHIPS

The Oakdale Cowboy Museum is proud to announce that our 2014 Scholarship Program will award four \$1000.00 scholarships to graduating High School Seniors in Stanislaus County. One of those four scholarships will go to a graduating senior whose family is a member of the Oakdale Cowboy Museum. The criterion for application is enrollment in a 4 year or 2 year college program. Individuals also need to be active in rodeo or production agriculture of horses or cattle. This is a merit scholarship and is not based on financial need.

In addition, a scholarship fund in memory of Lowell C."Doc" Dorius D.V.M. will also be awarded. "Doc" had a passion for his profession and specialized in treatment of beef cattle and herd management. He took joy in mentoring young men and women on the care of cattle and they spent many hours with him making calls. A memorial scholarship was established through the Oakdale Cowboy Museum by friends and family after his passing in July of 2010. A scholarship of \$1,000 will be awarded to a high school senior from the Oakdale area. The applicant must be actively involved in or aspire to be involved in production agriculture such as animal nutrition, animal health, livestock and/or ranch management with a focus on the cattle industry. This is a merit scholarship and is not based on financial need.

Scholarship applications are available through school counseling offices, at our website www.oakdalecowboymuseum.org or can be picked up in person at 355 East "F" Street in Oakdale. All applications must be received by February 28, 2014.



## FAREWELL TO FORMER BOARD MEMBERS



Eric Partenheimer

Courtney Hannink

Stash Easton

Tiffany Holmes

At the end of 2013 arrived we said good bye to four directors that came off the board. We truly appreciate the time they served, their input and overall dedication. Tiffany Holmes joined the board in 2010 and quickly became involved in the procurement of auction items for our Dinner/Action Fundraiser. This is a huge undertaking and as chairperson, she did an outstanding job each year. Tiffany also serve as Vice President and President of our organization. Courtney Hannink served two years on the board joining in 2012. During that time she served on the Scholarship Committee, was the chair of the Cowgirl Luncheon and also served as Treasurer. Stash Easton served on the board one year and was active in our Membership Committee. Eric Partenheimer has served two terms starting in 2008. Eric was the co-chair of the Testicle Festival, and also served on the Cowgirl Luncheon Committee.

# Tales of the Yosemite Back Country, Mather Saddle & Pack Station

In the fall of 2012, Yosemite National Park extended an invitation to surrounding areas to help celebrate the 150th Anniversary of the Yosemite Grant Act. We quickly started brainstorming on an educational exhibit for the Oakdale Cowboy Museum and how we would connect the two. The Grant Act, signed by President Lincoln in June of 1864, was for the protection of the Yosemite Valley and Mariposa Grove. These two special places, both in what is now Yosemite National Park, were the first resources in the world set aside for preservation – planting the seed for the national park idea.



We didn't have to look far to find the Barnes Family of Oakdale and their connection with Yosemite National Park. On Wednesday, January 29, from 5:00 pm -7:00 pm at the Oakdale Cowboy Museum we will open our year long exhibit, "The Tales of the Yosemite Back Country, Mather Saddle & Pack Station, operated by the Barnes Family since 1929". The exhibit tells the history and stories of 85 years of packing and trail riding in the Yosemite back country with the Barnes Family. In 1929 Joe Barnes established the Mather Saddle & Pack Station. He raised his family during the summer months at the pack station with everyone participating in the operations of the business. Jay, his son, learned the family business with a hands-on approach, and with the help of his wife, Liz, his sons, other family members and several wranglers, he continues to run the saddle and pack station today. He is a life-long resident of Oakdale and has lived here since 1947.

Please come and help us celebrate this historic milestone on Wednesday, January 29, from 5:00pm-7:00pm.





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AN EXHIBIT TO CELEBRATE

THE 150<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE YOSEMITE LAND GRANT ACT 1864, SIGNED BY ABRAHAM LINCOLN

Tales of the Yosemite Back Country

# MATHER SADDLE & PACK STATION

Operated by the Barnes Family since 1929

Year long exhibit opens January 29, 2014



Presented by the Oakdale Cowboy Museum in partnership with Yosemite National Park



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