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Farewell To Director Jeff Appling

After completing his three year term of serving on the Cowboy Museum Board of Directors at the end of 2014, we said goodbye to Jeff Appling. Growing up on a 1000 acre cattle ranch and 33 years of employment with the A.L Gilbert Feed Company, Jeff's knowledge of ranching and ranching families was an asset on our board.

demeanor and dry sense of humor could ease any tension at a board meeting and make a day of hard work a lot of fun.



Thanks Jeff for your contributions in preserving our western heritage by serving on the Cowboy Museum board.

Not all work is done in a board room and Jeff was quick to volunteer on several committees for the real tough jobs. From driving the fork lift to move panels, tables, and other items during our Dinner & Auction Fundraiser to working the roping chutes and the snack bar at our National Day of the American Cowboy, in 100 degree temperatures, we could count on Jeff. His quiet

New Brand added to Chester Cook Memorial Wall

During a recent visit to the Oakdale Cowboy Museum, member Mick Olsen saw something missing on our Chester Cook Memorial Wall, which features the brands of ranchers who have passed. It was the

“Hog Eye” brand of rancher Claud Moore. In a story told by Olsen, Claud arrived in California in the 1930's and had a choice of two jobs. He could work on a gold dredge on the Stanislaus River or a cattle ranch in Farmington. He began working for H. Moffat Cattle Company, where he became the ultimate ranch foreman. As the Moffat Cattle Company was winding down the Cook Land & Cattle Company was starting to peak. Chester Cook

assumed the reins from his father Bill, who had purchased the Farmington Ranch in 1922. Claud having almost raised Chester as a teenager was the obvious choice to manage the new ranch. “I obtained the equivalent of a five year degree, working with a man that became my second dad. He was a cowboy, a welder and a hell-of-a-windmill man” says Olsen, who was also employed by the ranch.

We are honored to be able to recognize Claud Moore and place his brand alongside other notable ranchers on the Chester Cook Memorial Wall. Special thanks to Mick & Carol Olsen and Christine Olsen Kistler for your donation that made this possible.



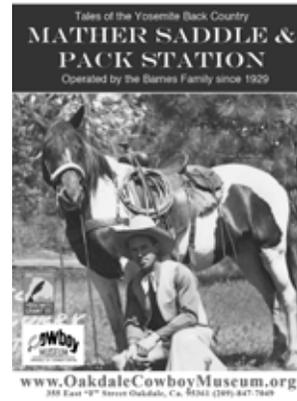
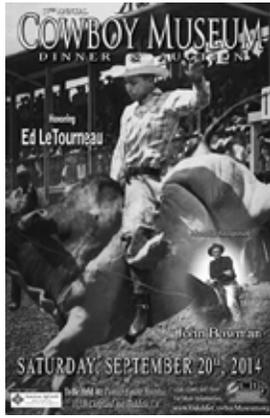
Scholarship Updates

The Oakdale Cowboy Museum is proud to announce we will be expanding the reach of our scholarship program and will now be presenting scholarships to deserving high school seniors in the Central Valley Region. One scholarship will be awarded to a senior whose family is a member of the Oakdale Cowboy Museum. These scholarships are to be used at either a two or four year college or university. This scholarship is a merit award and is not based on financial need. Students must be actively involved in rodeo, livestock or animal production and have an accumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher. The applications will be reviewed by our committee and then each student will be interviewed before a final decision is made.

We will have more information available on the Lowell “Doc” Dorius scholarship in the February Newsletter.

Scholarship applications are available through school counseling offices, on our website www.oakdalecowboymuseum.org or can be picked up in person at 355 East F St in Oakdale. All applications must be received by March 16, 2015. Any questions can be answered by calling us at 209-847-7049.





2014: A Year In Review

As we say goodbye to 2014, we wanted to take a look back at the memories made over the past year. To kick off the year we opened up our yearlong exhibit on the Mather Pack & Saddle Station and the Barnes Family, where we welcomed over 75 guests to our open house reception. March brought us a lot of excitement as we sold tickets to the Cowgirl Luncheon in record time. Over 400 tickets were sold in less than 20 minutes. We had guests in line at 6am to secure their tickets. We also announced our honoree for the 33rd Annual Testicle Festival, would be Bushwacker, Oakdale's own two time World Champion Bucking Bull. As rodeo time approached in April, we were happy to sponsor the local team roping event where the prized buckle was awarded to brothers, Alan and Mike Pettit. We welcomed 464 ladies to the 13th annual Cowgirl Luncheon where we surprised Bonnie Larson Fogarty as our honoree. To wrap up our week and kick off the weekend we were proud to host the Annual Chamber Mixer and Queen Coronation where Elizabeth Staal was crowned Miss Rodeo Oakdale 2014. June brought us scholarship awards and we were able to award \$1000 scholarships to Clayton Brum, Tyler Gibbs, Austin Paddock, and Brooke Neiderhauser who was the recipient of the Lowell "Doc" Dorius Memorial

Scholarship. The National Day of the American Cowboy had our focus in July as we prepared to cohost our celebration at the rodeo grounds that included gunslingers, a ranch rodeo and Dutch oven cooking. September was a month of celebrations as we held our 17th annual Dinner and Auction where we honored Dr. Ed LeTourneau. The event was very successful with 540 guests in attendance. We were also happy to have two local cowboys inducted into the Rodeo Hall of Fame in Oklahoma City; Bill Martinelli and Ted Ashworth. In October another world championship title was brought home to Oakdale. PBR Bucking Bull "Bushwacker" was crowned Bull of the Year becoming a three time world champion and ended his career after a having an outstanding farewell season and retiring in Oakdale. We also welcomed the PBR Reserve World Champion Bucking Bull "Roy," who is Bushwacker's half-brother. We rounded out the year with a successful Cowboy Christmas Gift & Craft Show the weekend after Thanksgiving. Despite the much needed rain that fell that weekend, many exhibitors said this is the best show they had. We are looking forward to serving our community in 2015 and wish all our members a Happy New Year!



Back at the Ranch

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10:30 AM · 1:30 PM
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