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Western States Ranch Rodeo Assoc. Comes to Oakdale

The 11th Annual celebration of the National Day of the American Cowboy will be held on Saturday, July 25, 2015 and plans are in the works for the Oakdale Cowboy Museum to partner with the Oakdale Saddle Club to present a ranch rodeo sanctioned by the Western States Ranch Rodeo Association (WSRRA).

Since 2005, the Oakdale Cowboy Museum has been celebrating this day and encouraging our community to engage in various activities that embrace the cowboy spirit. The Cowboy is a worldwide icon and the values and traditions of his work are shared with our visitors daily. While every day may be the Day of the Cowboy in the Cowboy Capital of the World, the last Saturday in July has been designated as the day we honor his lifestyle and heritage.



Some of the events that the WSRRA will offer will mirror those daily responsibilities of the working ranch cowboy such as; calf branding, roping, sorting, doctoring and maybe even bronc riding.

Along with the ranch rodeo plans to include a working sheep dog demonstration are also being developed. To compete in the rodeo you do not need to be a member of the WSRRA. However, if you want to earn points that will count for the National Finals which are held in Winnemucca, NV in November, you will need to join prior to the start of the rodeo. Watch for our July newsletter for more information on this fun event!

Artwork of Frances Scott on Display

Word of mouth brought Frances Scott to the Oakdale Cowboy Museum early last month. She was looking for somewhere to display her western art but thought Oakdale was still a small “one horse town” with few chances of anyone seeing her work. Imagine her surprise driving through a busy Oakdale downtown and finding the Cowboy Museum was more than she had imagined and a perfect fit for her art. We were more than happy to work out a way to display the paintings and wood carvings of Frances Scott just in time for the many visitors who stopped by during the Chocolate Festival.



Frances worked her way through college in a door factory where she carved wooden door panels. Later, she worked in the accounting department for Pacific Telephone (AT&T). After receiving her degree

she went to work for the Navy at the missile test center as a model maker in weapons. Always an artist, Frances pursued her art interests in business in Auburn and as a hobbyist. She was active in the Los Angeles area as a wood carver and painter and western themes were among her specialties. In retirement, she pursued her art

interests such as wood carving and oil painting in the Arnold area before moving to the valley and making her home in Stockton. Frances has shown her work in many Calaveras County art shows.

Currently Frances paints regularly with senior groups, the Stockton Art League

and the Mixed Media Group in Lodi. Her work is shown in the Lodi Community Art Center Gallery and the Elsie Goodwin Gallery. She has won many awards in local juried art shows.

The Oakdale Livestock Auction to be Honored

The Oakdale Livestock Auction has been selected as the honoree for our 2015 Dinner & Auction Fundraiser which will be held on Saturday, September 19, at the Pioneer Equine Facility.

The old barn and sales yard which was across the road from the Oakdale Rodeo



Grounds was originally owned by Hollis Jefferies. It had been a hay barn and possibly a dairy. Around 1967, a South Dakota man named Pat O'Brien leased the barn from Mr. Jefferies and in 1968 purchased land on Albers Road and built a new Auction Yard which is still in use today. During that time, Mr. O'Brien was credited for taking a workable livestock market to one of the leading markets in California. The recognition will encompass the early cattle buyers, the changes in the industry and interviews from key people of that time.

2015 Scholarship Recipients Announced

We are pleased to announce our 2015 Cowboy Museum Ag Scholarship Recipients and the Lowell C. "Doc" Dorius Memorial Scholarship Recipient. A total of \$5000 was awarded to these graduating High School Seniors.



Jacob Bairos was raised on the family ranch where he learned from a young age how to rope and work cattle. Growing up in the agriculture world taught Jacob many things that he will use to accomplish his future goals. The work ethic that was

instilled from life on a ranch will continue to help Jacob as he sets new goals. Jacob has had many achievements throughout his high school rodeo career receiving multiple All-Around Rodeo Champion titles as well as qualifying for the National High School Rodeo Finals in the steer wrestling and earning the national title in trap shooting. Jacob will be attending Cal Poly in the fall and would like to earn a degree in agricultural engineering.



As a youngster, Caden Farquer spent a lot of time learning how to ride horses and rope. After a while he decided that he would take a break from rodeo to try different sports but found that they did not give him the same satisfaction as rodeo competition. Caden says that his involvement in rodeo has taught him that there are things in life that you can't control. "It's kind of like drawing a bad calf in the tie down roping, it's simply the luck of the draw and you must make

the best out of it." Caden has been very successful in both his rodeo career and his academic career maintaining an excellent GPA while attending Oakdale High. Caden plans to use the lessons he has learned from rodeo to help himself continue to be successful in obtaining a degree in agricultural engineering. He also plans to continue to compete in rodeo with hopes of becoming one of the best in the sport.



Although Ashley Miller was not raised with an agricultural background she found her way to horses as quickly as possible. At thirteen Ashley's family moved to Waterford where she instantly fell in love with the slower paced country life and everything about it. She joined her local 4H Club and became involved in the horse group where her love for horses continued to grow. One day her parents surprised her with a horse of her

own and from there the two took off teaching each other new

things and becoming a team. After a while they were able to begin entering local gymkhanas where they soared together so they started entering more competitive jackpots and high school rodeos. Ashley will be studying to become an ultrasound technician in the future.



Dominic Orvis was raised on one of the oldest Hereford ranches in the state of California. Being raised on the historic Snow Ranch has shown him the various aspects of ranching and the day to day management. While at Oakdale High he was active in the Ag Department and was involved in the Farm Power Team where he learned how to operate and work on different types of engines. Dominic plans to continue his education at the University

of Nevada Reno and major in Rangeland and Ecology Management. He plans to return home and become the sixth generation to run the family ranch. Dominic was also selected as the recipient of the Lowell C. "Doc" Dorius Scholarship.



Megan Rivera is very passionate about her work in the agriculture industry. She started at a young age in 4-H raising small animals to show at the county fair, and worked her way up to being involved with FFA and showing large animals. Megan has been very active in the FFA, holding many different officer positions, but is most proud of her time spent as the Oakdale FFA President and the Central Region Vice President. Megan has plans to stay involved in the agriculture

community whether as a teacher instilling the same passion into future generations or as an agriculture legislature, protecting the rights of the industry.



Jaycee Spence is a graduate of Oakdale High and will be attending Cal Poly to study animal science. She was raised in a rodeo oriented family and says she was destined to follow the rodeo path. In the four years she competed in high school rodeo Jaycee had many great achievements. She qualified for the CHSRA State Finals, Challenge of Champions and the National High School Rodeo Finals and accomplished all these things while maintaining a

spectacular academic record. Jaycee credits her time in rodeo for teaching her to keep her head up no matter the situation and that you must put in hard work and time to reach your goals.

Back at the Ranch

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SATURDAY, JULY 25TH, 2015

WSRRA SANCTIONED RANCH RODEO
AT THE OAKDALE SADDLE CLUB'S
RODEO GROUNDS

