

## Oakdale Chamber Referrals Given For The Month Of September:

Amusement & Recreation:	13
Animal Service:	5
Apartments:	3
Attorneys:	2
Banquet Facility & Halls:	7
Cemeteries:	2
Chambers:	4
Churches:	3
Clubs & Organizations:	14
Computer-Software & Service:	3
Credit Bureau:	2
Education:	5
Entertainment:	7
Events:	12
Family Services:	10
Florists:	3
Garbage Collection:	1
Government Agencies and Offices:	12
Hotel & Motels:	7
Lawn Maintenance:	1
Library:	2
Mail and Parcel Service:	3
Manufacturing Companies:	5
Newspapers:	2
Park & Recreations:	10
Preschools/Daycare:	1
Real Estate Property Management:	5
Restaurants:	10
River Rafting:	4
RV Parks:	5
Senior Center:	11
Thrift Stores:	3
Utilities:	5



## Mission Statement

To unite the business community by enhancing business, tourism and economic growth, while retaining the high quality of life in Oakdale.

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

## Tourism, Awards And Mixers

Be a tourist in your own town. Here is one idea: if you are looking for a pristine area to walk or go hiking to enjoy the fall weather try the Stanislaus river area in Knights Ferry, a very beau-



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tiful spot this time of the year. Visit the museum, the famous covered bridge and what remains of the old mill. For more information on tourism or places to visit in the Oakdale area; [www.oakdalechamber.com](http://www.oakdalechamber.com), there you will also find shopping and local restaurants to enjoy. Nominations for the annual awards banquet are being accepted now. The categories

are: Citizen of the Year, Business of the year, Community service organization, and Junior Achievement award. So who do you know in our community that is deserving of one of these nominations for 2011? The nomination forms are on the Oakdale Chamber website or available at the Chamber office. Your votes must be returned by Dec. 2 to the chamber of-

fce. Join us on Oct. 20 Bocelli's Ristorante is having their mixer from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. This event is open to the public and is a good way to introduce your business to others. We are currently scheduling for 2012 evening mixers and morning coffee hours, contact the Oakdale Chamber for dates available 209-847-2244.

### MIXERS & COFFEE HOURS

Thursday, Oct. 20 Bocelli's Ristorante Mixer 1505 W. F Street 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.	Thursday, Nov. 17 Premier School & Sports Photography Mixer 730 W. F St. 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.
Friday, Dec. 2 Oak Valley Community Bank Holiday Mixer 125 N. Third Ave. 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.	

### WEB STATS

In the month of September, there were 1,418 visitors to the Chamber website. Of those visits, 67.63 percent were new visitors and there were 5,276 monthly page views.

What sections of our site are most popular?

No. 1 Events & Visitors	26 percent
No. 2 Travel & Tourism	17 percent
No. 3 Business Directory	12 percent
No. 4 Chocolate Festival	8 percent
No. 5 Calendar of Events	5 percent

Web advertising is available. For more information, call the Chamber office at 847-2244.

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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### NOVEMBER 2011

- Wednesday, Nov. 2 — Excel Basics Computer Class, 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.
- Friday, Nov. 4 — Economic Development, 8 a.m.
- Monday, Nov. 7 — City Council, 7 p.m.
- Tuesday, Nov. 8 — Ambassadors, 8:45 a.m.
- Tuesday, Nov. 8 — Ag, 4 p.m.
- Thursday, Nov. 10 — Executive Board, 12:30 p.m.
- Thursday, Nov. 10 — Tourism, 4 p.m.
- Tuesday, Nov. 15 — General Board, 12:30 p.m.
- Thursday, Nov. 17 — Membership, 12:30 p.m.
- Thursday, Nov. 17 — Premier School & Sports  
Photography mixer, 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.
- Monday, Nov. 21 — City Council, 7 p.m.
- Thursday, Nov. 24 and 25 — Chamber is closed

## Member Biographies

Cafe Bliss  
152 N. Yosemite Ave. • Oakdale, CA 95361  
(209) 848-3830

Since 1989, Cafe Bliss has been Oakdale's Original Gourmet Coffee Shop. They offer simple, fresh food served in a clean and comfortable environment. Morning fare includes sunrise sandwiches, fresh fruit, oatmeal, quiche, assorted pastries, etc and of course a complete Espresso bar, fruit blizzards (smoothies), Chai and more! Lunch consists of "Create Your Own" deli sandwiches, their popular homemade soups, hot grilled specialty sandwiches (turkey avocado melt Reuben "our way," Monte Cristo sandwiches, chicken quesadillas, and more). Also on the menu is a vast array of gourmet salads (Cobb salad, taco salad, Napa cabbage salad, and more). They also feature daily specials (mesquite chicken salads and sandwiches, chicken Ceasar salad, croissant sandwiches, French dips, etc) They also offer gourmet coffee beans and cater items. All menu items are available for take out. Works by local artist are displayed and typically change on a monthly basis. There is plenty of parking around back and an easy entrance. Open until 3 p.m.; Hours-Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.; Saturday, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.



Jim Postma, owner of Café Bliss, is pictured receiving his chamber dollar plaque from Ambassadors Phyllis Pottle and Velma Smith.  
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Wynema Chilianis, owner of Oakdale Community Guide, is pictured receiving her chamber dollar plaque from Ambassador Vanetta Sipe.

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Oakdale Community Guide  
Oakdale, CA 95361 • (209) 845-2676  
[www.OakdaleCommunityGuide.com](http://www.OakdaleCommunityGuide.com)

Oakdale Community Guide is a new interactive online guide available for everyone 24 hours a day, seven days a week. It is designed to help you find everything you need or want in Oakdale. Visitors can search current local information such as Oakdale gas prices, local businesses, garage sales, events calendar, real estate, Adopt a Pet and more! Registered users can post announcements, events, garage sales, lost and found pets, classifieds, and much more! Businesses can show photos, video, offer coupons, etc.



Alex and Marisela Ruiz, owners of A&M Tires, are pictured receiving their chamber dollar plaque from Ambassador Darrin Conrad.

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A & M Tires and Wheels  
9837 Highway 120 • Oakdale, CA 95361  
(209) 847-9500 • [www.AM-Tires.com](http://www.AM-Tires.com)

A & M Tires and Wheels is a locally owned and operated tire dealer. With more than 16 years in the tire industry, rest assured that A&M Tires has the experience to make sure you receive the right tires or wheels for your vehicle with the lowest prices in town. Carrying all major tire and wheel brands, they offer rotations, computerized balancing, and flat repairs with purchase of all new tires. Come by and give them a chance to prove that great customer service with low prices still exists. Open Monday–Friday, 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; Saturday, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.; Closed Sunday.



Justin Ribeiro and David Steele are pictured receiving their chamber dollar plaque from Ambassador Don Riise.

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Stickman Ventures, Inc.  
315 W. F Street • Oakdale, CA 95361  
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Anyone can build custom software or a web site. At Stickman Ventures they take you to new frontiers and incredible places. They offer a balance between the cutting edge and bang per buck, building custom software, web applications and hardware that are rivaled by no one. They sort out the buzzwords and use what works best for you. Come sit with their design team and see what they can build for you. Founded in 2007. Hours of Operation: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Monday through Friday.

### RENEWALS FOR SEPTEMBER 2011

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| A & M Tires and Wheels                       | Log Cabin Mini Storage |
| CareMore Health Plan                         | Maureen Minnehan-Jones |
| Family Support Network - Oak Valley Hospital | Oakdale Color Center   |
| Farmers Insurance                            | Oakdale Leader         |
| Jackson Hewitt Tax Service                   | Yosemite Farm Credit   |
| Law Offices of Frederick W. Smith Jr.        |                        |

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