



MUSEUM MATTERS

ATTIC SALE MAY 10

Over the years friends and neighbors have helped our fundraising efforts by donating antique and vintage items. We're selling these and other treasures at our first ever Attic Sale from 8:30 to 3pm. A few are duplicates from our collection like soda bottles from the old Oakdale Soda Works factory. But most are items that we can't tie directly to Oakdale history and we have no room to store them. Come for an eclectic selection of **vintage clothing, estate silver and table ware, linens, furniture, and much more.** This is a great way to shop, support your local museum and find a really unique gift for mom!! (She'll love you for it!)



This hand loom is just one of the treasures you'll find on sale!



VISIT US!

THURSDAYS 1-4 PM FRIDAYS 1-4 PM
OR BY APPOINTMENT

The Chamber of Commerce's Leadership Oakdale class for present and future local leaders visited the museum March 25. They were greeted by Board members Vernon Gladney and Don Riise. Vernon, as an Oakdale Police Officer was in the very first Leadership class (we won't say just how long ago that was.) It was a first time museum visit for most members of the class and they were especially interested in our new railroad exhibit (under construction) and the pharmacy exhibit. We were delighted to have them!

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WE LOVE OUR VISITORS



Modesto Incurable Collectors Club

Recently David Cross and Kathy Laurenz welcomed members of the Modesto Incurable Collectors Club. They entertained the visitors with stories about the early history of Oakdale and the Sydnor-Prowse House. Two members of the club, Karen Sherpa and Debra Santillones happen to be our friends from the Oakdale Cowboy Museum.

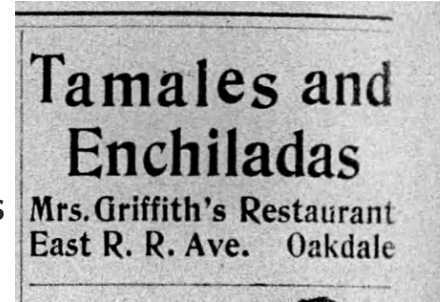
QUESTIONS OR SUGGESTIONS?

Thinking of volunteering? Have questions or suggestions? Join board members 1:30 -2:30 pm May 20.



OAKDALE'S MOTHER

In early April, Don Riise welcomed Valerie Medina and Ernie and Mike Morua to the museum. They are descendants of the family of one of Oakdale's most admired women, Tomasa Perez Griffith.



Mrs. Griffith was born in Big Oak Flat in 1881 to parents who had come from Mexico to work in the gold mines. She moved to Oakdale to work as a housekeeper and seamstress. In 1905 she opened a restaurant which soon became a local favorite. The single mother of one son, she started taking in orphaned and abandoned children at a time when there were few social supports for those kids. Over her long lifetime, she raised more than 40 children. She also offered care and shelter to elderly homeless people, even presiding at their



funerals and providing plots in the cemetery. An admirer wrote to her, "you have a heart that beats for humanity and the unfortunate." It was a sentiment shared by so many that she was known fondly as "Oakdale's Mother."

Valerie Medina, Ernie and Mike Morua

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