

Oak Valley Bancorp  
Form 8-K  
February 25, 2010

**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

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**FORM 8-K**

**CURRENT REPORT**

**Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the  
Securities Exchange Act of 1934.**

**Date of Report: February 21, 2010**

(Date of earliest event reported)

**Oak Valley Bancorp**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**CA**  
(State or other jurisdiction

of incorporation)

**001-34142**  
(Commission File

Number)

**26-2326676**  
(IRS Employer

Identification Number)

**125 N. Third Ave. Oakdale, CA**  
(Address of principal executive

offices)

**95361**  
(Zip Code)

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(209) 848-2265

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

**Not Applicable**

(Former Name or Former Address, if changed since last report)

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- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers**

**5.02(e).**

Oak Valley Bancorp (the Company ) and its wholly-owned subsidiary Oak Valley Community Bank (the Bank ) report, with great sadness, that Arne Knudsen died on Sunday, February 21, 2010 at the age of 71. Mr. Knudsen was a founding Board member of both the Company and the Bank, and had been serving as the Secretary and as a Director of the Bank and of the Company since their inception in 1991 and 2007, respectively.

A copy of the statement issued by the Company and by the Bank regarding Mr. Knudsen s passing is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

**Item 7.01. Regulation FD Disclosure.**

See Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits**

**(a) Financial statements:**

None

**(b) Pro forma financial information:**

None

**(c) Shell company transactions:**

None

**(d) Exhibits**

99.1 Press Release

**SIGNATURE**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Dated: February 24, 2010

**OAK VALLEY BANCORP**

By: */s/ Richard A. McCarty*  
Richard A. McCarty  
Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer  
(Principal Financial Officer and duly authorized signatory)

**Exhibit Index**

<b>Exhibit No.</b>		<b>Description</b>
99.1	Press Release	

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