

Dobbins-Oregon House Improvement Foundation

Your Community Center Newsletter Update for December 1, 2008



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Welcome to our fist issue of DOHIF Times – a newsletter intended to be published periodically with news and commentary about your new community center.

We hope you enjoy this update and welcome your comments and questions. Please email me at: binderup@jps.com, or phone me at (530) 692-2294.

What happened in 2008:

Here is a short recap of how your new community center (Alcouffe Center) changed in 2008:

- The operating engineers, including survey crew, used the Community Center site for 2 weeks of apprentice training in May. That effort resulted in a rough cut of driveways, parking, drainage, and sports courts. The cost to the foundation for this work was only fuel for transporting equipment (about \$11,000) to and from the site and good lunches provided by our ever present volunteers. We estimate the Foundation received about \$200,000 in value of heavy equipment work. Thank You Operating Engineers!
- Thanks to our dedicated group of volunteers (we call them “The 5 Amigos”) and additional volunteers from the community, the building is much closer to being usable for public and private events: interior doors and ceilings have been installed, and finish electrical and plumbing is done, along with fixtures and some appliances to make the restrooms, lighting, security and access functional.
- We have been working with Yuba County officials on a County wide parks master plan. The Dobbins-Oregon House community center is a significant part of that plan. You will find the complete plan on-line at <http://www.co.yuba.ca.us/> click on “Parks Master Plan”. Adoption of this plan by county supervisors should result in the use of Prop 40 funds at our community center for park and sports area capital improvements in exchange for a long term lease to Yuba County of an approximately 5 acre park area east of the community center building. The capital improvements include grass, bleachers, a snack shack, outside bathrooms, a water system for irrigating the park and ball field areas and bar-b-ques and picnic tables in the park area. Final details of this plan and time frames are still being negotiated, but this is a very exciting development for your community center.

2009 Events:

Please check our web site (<http://www.dohif.com>) for current dates/times.

Tractor Days

Saturday-Sunday, May 2-3

Wine Tasting

April or May

Hydroplane Boat Races

Saturday-Sunday
 September 12-13

Mexican Dinner

Late September
 Date/Time to be determined

Wine and Art Festival

October
 Date/Time to be determined

Additionally:

- We received a donation of 12,500 sq ft of sheetrock from NorCal Lumber. Thank You NorCall!
- Our donated 3000 gallon propane tank has been installed and is ready to be connected to the heating system; Thank You Rick Brown!
- Our donated heating/cooling system was installed in its permanent mounts above the main entrance; Thank You David Dickinson!
- Outside building lights have been installed,
- Sidewalks around part of the building are complete,
- Fiberglass Reinforced Panels have been installed in the restrooms and bathrooms as required by current building codes,
- Restrooms are not quite complete, but they are functional! Thank You 5 amigos!
- Tile, adhesive and grout as well as lumber and hardware for cabinets has been purchased for the bathrooms and kitchen.

Other 2008 News:

- Key and Associates, our site engineers, discounted their bill by \$10,000; Thank You Roger Key!
- We received an unrestricted grant of \$5,000 from PG&E; Thank You PG&E!
- Your response to our "Mass Mailing" has been great – this years donations have exceeded last years. Thanks to you, we are only about \$40,000 away from opening the Alcouffe Center doors for public use. Here is a list of all who have donated \$500 or more in the last two years:

The Setzer Foundation	Mr. Anonymous	Leo J. Speckert
Collins Lake Mgmt Corp.	Will & Dolores Jagger	David Westcott
Neil Goforth	Feather Falls Casino	Richard Teagarden
Stephen & Jody Jakosa	Ron Key	Kay Matecki
Michael & Patricia Trotti	Dave & Katie Lee	
- We have a new board member: Lynne Cardoza. Many of you know Lynne from her days as principal at Dobbins School. She is now principal at Yuba Feather school, and has joined the Grant Writing and Facility Planning committees of DOHIF. Welcome Lynne.
- Jules Alcouffes' memorial service was held at Alcouffe center in May. It was attended by family and many local and distant friends. We're all thankful for Jules and Barbara's gracious and forward looking generosity without which your new community center may not be here.
- March is when we hold our annual Board of Directors elections. If you are interested in becoming more active with DOHIF, or joining the Board, please attend any of our monthly meetings held on the third Tuesday of each month except December and be sure to attend the February meeting to be considered for open Board positions.
- One last but very important topic: We need community volunteers to help with any of the following:

• Web Master	• Event help	• New Board Members
• Grant writing	• Help tiling kitchen/baths	• Center Administrator
• Bookkeeping	• Building a performing arts stage	
• Fund Raising	• Finishing the building	

If you would like to contribute some of your time to your community center, please contact Jeff Swindle. You can phone Jeff at (530) 692-1651, OR you can email Jeff at yokie00@yahoo.com. Also, you will find Jeff at most of our fund raising events. Watch our web site for upcoming events and other current news.

For More Information: See our web site at: <http://www.dohif.com>