

## Dobbins-Oregon House Improvement Foundation

Alcouffe Center Newsletter for Dec. 4, 2009



*Welcome to DOHIF Times, a newsletter published periodically with information 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.net](mailto:binderup@jps.net), or phone me at (530) 692-2294.*

Chairman Douglas Binderup

### What happened in 2009:

Here is a short recap of happenings at, and in support of, Alcouffe Center for the last six months:

- The **Annual Community Spring Cleaning** held at the Alcouffe Center on May 30, 2009 was a success! A special note of thanks to Supervisor Hal Stocker and Yuba Sutter Disposal and many volunteers for all of their hard work.
- **Lucero Vineyards Wine Tasting** held Saturday, May 23 in Dobbins was quite a successful fundraiser for the Alcouffe Center. A special thanks to Dan and Marian Lucero for sharing their home and vineyard land. We look forward to the next May already!
- On July 17, 2009, Yuba County Building Department issued DOHIF a **Certificate of Occupancy Permit** soon after final inspection was completed by the county. Thanks to all who donated their time and energy to make this dream come true for local residents.
- **The Wrestling Fundraiser** was held at the Alcouffe Center on Saturday, August 8<sup>th</sup>, 2009. This event was well attended and great fun.
- **The Hydroplane Boat races** held at Lake Francis on September 12&13, 2009 was a lot of fun to watch and also fun to wander through the vendor booths. A special race between Foothill Fire from Brownsville and Dobbins/Oregon House Fire Dept. was a highlight of each day.
- **The Mexican Dinner** held at the Alcouffe Center on September 26 was a fun & successful event. For those who volunteered their time and auction donations, a very special thank you goes out to all of you. And we give a special thanks to head cooks, Ray & Reyna Gomez.
- **Redbud Garden Club Fall Landscape project** was held October 22&23, 2009. The Garden club donated 3 Forest Pansy trees, 3 Eastern Redbud trees and 2 Mexican Sage plants. Rod Hiskin donated 5 Autumn Fantasy Maple trees. We owe a special thanks to Redbud club members, Iva Norris and Susan Leone for planting the trees.
- **The Fall Harvest Festival** was held October 24, 2009. This annual Food & Wine festival is a great way to mingle with neighbors and experience many local flavors that regional vendors have to offer. Greg Holman did a great job with organizing this annual event.
- **Building Progress:**
  - Kitchen: Cabinets have been built and installed by **Lloyd Appleby**. They look great! **Precision Stone** donated and installed the countertops. The new accessory corner counter for the coffee and tea service sure

### 2009/2010 Events:

Christmas Tree Lighting:  
Sunday, Dec.13, 2009  
Crab & Shrimp Mardi Gras:  
Late March 2010  
Grand Opening:  
Spring 2010  
Tractor Days:  
Saturday & Sunday, May 1-2, 2010  
Wine Tasting:  
Saturday, May 23, 2010  
Community Spring Cleaning:  
Saturday, May 29, 2010  
Mexican Dinner  
Date/Time to be set for September  
Lake Francis Hydroplane Festival:  
Saturday & Sunday Sept.11-12, 2010  
Fall Harvest Festival:  
Saturday, October 24

is handy. The kitchen tile floor has been laid, the Grease Interceptor is installed and the ANSUL fire suppression system is in.

- Bathrooms: Fixtures, dividers, tile and mirrors have been installed.
- Exterior: The "**Five Amigos**" poured concrete for the east side steps and kitchen patio areas, which looks fantastic! Also, the asphalt handicap parking lot was installed in May. A special thanks to **Jim Escheman** for his donation of the asphalt and finish.
- Interior floor & base have been installed.
- The Stage is in and functional, ready for your event.
- **Recent Noteworthy Donations:**
  - o **Yuba County** donated **13 Tons of Asphalt** for the entry to the community center on Marysville Road. **Thank You, Yuba County!**
  - o **DeSilva-Gates** donated **Asphalt** for paving the handicap parking area. Thank You, **DeSilva-Gates!**
  - o The labor for the **Asphalt placement and finish** was donated by long time supporter, **Jim Escheman, Escheman Construction**. Thanks, Jim, we really appreciate your ongoing support!
  - o **Two beautiful solid hardwood boards** have been donated by **Erik Johnson** for countertops in the hospitality center as mentioned in our May newsletter. Thanks, Erik! And, thank you, **Bob Sonick**, for agreeing to build the counters.
  - o Mail donations continue to be good, especially considering the economy. Thank You for all who have donated!

#### 2010 Events:

- **Crab & Shrimp Feed/Mardi Gras** will be in the latter part of March. Call Sue Muths at 692-2709 for information.
- **Tractor Days** will be held Saturday & Sunday, May 1 & 2, 2010, located at 9594 Yuba Ranch Way in Oregon House. This is a joyous event for all the family to attend. Call Jeff at 632-6416 for more information.
- **Lucero Vineyards Wine Tasting**, will be held Saturday, May 22, at the Lucero Vineyards and Winery, located at 10654 Texas Hill Road in Dobbins. This is a wonderful event with wine tasting and a selection of delicious hors d'oeuvres is planned. Call Dan or Marian Lucero at 692-1141 for more information.
- **Grand Opening of the Alcouffe Community Center** Spring 2010. Watch the calendar on **DOHIF.com**.
- **Community Spring Cleaning Day** is Saturday, May 29! Supervisor Hal Stocker and Yuba Sutter Disposal have partnered to bring dumpsters to the Alcouffe community center. Residents of Dobbins, Oregon House, Camptonville and Brownsville may participate. Watch for posters at your local post office to learn the drop off details and disposal guidelines.
- Our **Annual Mexican Dinner** fundraiser is in the planning stages, with a date to be set for a Saturday in September. Enjoy authentic Mexican Cuisine with some wonderful auction items as well! We appreciate your donation items/gift certificates to help support our community center.
- Join us for the **2010 Hydroplane Festival**, September 11 -12 at Lake Francis. Vendor booths will be set up for food and crafts. This fun family event supports many local charities, including the Alcouffe Center.
- **The Fall Harvest Festival**, planned for Saturday, October 23 should be a wonderful celebration of all things tasty like local olive oils, wines and food! Be sure to mark your calendar for this date.
- Support your Alcouffe community center while grocery shopping! **Save Mart and Food Maxx** have partnered with DOHIF through the **S.H.A.R.E.S. Program**. 3% of qualifying purchases will be donated to your community center organization. Simply swipe your special S.H.A.R.E.S. card at the register. There is no personal information, as the card is in DOHIF's name. Contact Jeff Citron at 692-1123 for your card and start shopping and donating today!
- **3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday each Month at 7pm**, You are invited to attend the DOHIF board meetings held at the Alcouffe Center. Your voice in this community counts!

**Donate your time:** Contact Jeff Swindle at 692-1651 for some great volunteer opportunities. Volunteers are needed for fundraising, construction, landscaping and much more. Every skill level from web master, grant writing, bookkeeping, computer and carpentry skills, food preparation and serving, to painting event signs and sweeping floors is needed. Call and volunteer today!

**Community Center Wish List:** Can you help with our **Wish List**? Contact any Board Member!

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| • Commercial grade kitchen pots, pans & knives | • Library furniture & fixtures | • Color Laser Printer                                   |
|  | • Stage Curtains               | • Webmaster, see:                                       |
|  | • Video Projector              | <a href="http://www.dohif.com">http://www.dohif.com</a> |