

Dobbins-Oregon House Improvement Foundation

Alcouffe Center Newsletter for May 15, 2009



Chairman Douglas Binderup

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, or phone me at (530) 692-2294.

2009 Events:

Weekly Community Market Starts:
Saturday, May 16

Wine Tasting: Saturday, May 23

Spring Cleaning: May 30

Hydroplane Boat Races:
Saturday-Sunday
September 12-13

Mexican Dinner
Saturday, September 26

Fall Harvest Festival:
Saturday, October 24

What happened in 2008-2009:

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

- The **2008 Annual Christmas tree lighting ceremony** quickly relocated to the community center when snow flurries showed up unexpectedly! Pat Dahms led the large crowd in enjoying a celebration of the Christmas Season with carols, skits and remembrances of Christmas past. Cookies, coffee and hot cocoa were especially tasty served in the warmth of the new community center!
- **The Redbud Garden Club** held their February meeting at Alcouffe center. They are planning to help landscape the grounds as their 2009 project. Douglas Binderup gave a history of the center project and led a tour of the building. The slope facing the entrance to the building is the most visible and in need of planting. A drip system and an assortment of plants such as trailing rosemary, forsythia, day lilies, ornamental grasses and butterfly bush are planned to keep the landscaping simple, hardy and drought tolerant. **Troop & Pack 6400** Scouts have agreed to help with this project.
- On February 21, the **Boy Scouts Annual Blue and Gold Dinner**, sponsored by Cub Pack 6400 was attended by about 150 people. Mike Lee, chartering foundation representative and Pete Hammontre, executive director, both were honored with special awards for outstanding service.
- A **Fund Raising Concert** held February 22 at the Seventh Day Adventist Church, featured Brian Ganz, a talented classical pianist. He performed selected arrangements from Chopin and Beethoven and explained the pieces, their history and meaning. His love for both the music and the composers was evident, which was well appreciated by the many attendees. Greg Holman did a fine job of arranging this outstanding fundraising benefit.
- On March 26, a delegation from DOHIF met with the Yuba County Building Department regarding a **Conditional Use Permit**. It is hoped that the final inspection will be completed and the permit will be issued by the time this newsletter is printed.

Building Progress:

- Kitchen: Cabinets have been built and installed by **Lloyd Appleby**; They look great! **Precision Stone** has agreed to donate and install the countertops. The kitchen tile floor has been laid, and the grease Interceptor will be installed soon. Upon installation of the ANSUL fire suppression system, the kitchen will be ready for final inspection.
- Bathrooms: Fixtures, dividers and tile have been installed; all that remains to be completed are the mirrors.

- Exterior: Forms are in place and the "**Five Amigos**" are preparing to pour concrete for the east side steps and kitchen patio areas, when fair weather arrives! The site is prepared for paving and marking a handicapped parking area near the main entrance.
- **Recent Noteworthy Donations:**
 - o Local resident **Kay Matecki** has donated new treadmill and elliptical machines, mats and exercise tapes for the **Exercise Room**. Many thanks for her generosity and vision for the health of our community! We'll keep you posted on the opening date for this wonderful development!
 - o A big thank-you to **Lola Welker** and the **Anonymous Donor** of an upright **Piano**. This turn-of-the-century piano is a wonderful instrument and a terrific addition to our community center! A free tune-up would be a nice contribution – anyone interested?
 - o **Yuba County** has agreed to donate **13 Tons of Asphalt** for the entry to the community center on Marysville Road. Thank You Yuba County!
 - o **DeSilva-Gates** has agreed to donate **Asphalt** for paving the handicap parking area. Thank You DeSilva-Gates!
 - o **Asphalt placement and finish** will be donated by long time supporter **Jim Escheman**. 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. Thanks, Erik!
 - o **Bob Sonick**, a local craftsman, has agreed to build a custom bar with these. Thank You, Bob!
 - o Mail donations have been great, especially considering the economy. Thank You!

Events:

- Come shop, swap, have lunch with your neighbors!! The **Foothill Community Market** will start happening every Saturday, beginning May 16 from 9 am to 1 pm at Alcouffe Center. Vendors, lunch, demonstrations, lectures and a forum for local concerns will be offered at this venue. Vendor applications are now being accepted and are available online at <http://www.dohif.com> or contact Lew Neal at 692-9000.
- **Lucero Vineyards Wine Tasting**, will be held Saturday, May 23, 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 692-1141 for more information.
- **Community Spring Cleaning Day** is May 30! 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 soon. Enjoy authentic Mexican Cuisine with some wonderful auction items as well!
- Join us for the **2009 Hydroplane Festival**, September 12 -13 at Lake Francis. This fun family event supports many local charities, including Alcouffe Center.
- **The Fall Harvest Festival**, planned for Saturday, October 24 should be a wonderful celebration of all things tasty like local olive oils, wines and foods! Be sure to keep this date open!
- 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!

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

• **Community center Wish List:**

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| • Commercial grade pots, pans & knives | • Soil amendments/mulch | • Library furniture & fixtures |
| • Drip & watering system components | • Plants like trailing rosemary, forsythia, day lilies, ornamental grasses & butterfly bush | • Grand or baby grand piano |

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