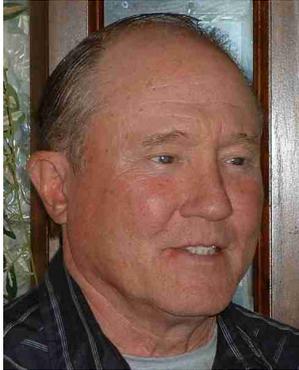


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### Alcouffe Center Newsletter for Winter 2010



*Welcome to DOHIF Times, a newsletter published bi-annually with information and commentary about your community center. We hope you enjoy this update and welcome your comments and questions. Please email me at: [rlong0000@aol.com](mailto:rlong0000@aol.com), or phone me at (530) 692-9162.*

Chairman Robert Longman

### What's happened so far in 2010:

Here is a short recap of some happenings at, and in support of, Alcouffe Center during 2010:

- **Grand Opening** of the Alcouffe Center occurred on March 20, 2010. The festivities began with the raising of the American flag with the help of our local Boy Scouts and American Legion. The time capsule messages written by residents will be opened in 50 years. Visit our website to see photos of this memorable event.
- **Mardi Gras Crab & Shrimp Dinner** was held at the Alcouffe Center on March 27, 2010. Be sure to check the website for pictures of this event. We look forward to seeing you at the February 19, 2011 Mardi Gras for another classic New Orleans style dinner.
- **Vintage Tractor days** was another successful and fun weekend held the first weekend of May 2010 at Eventful Acres. To find out more about the 2011 Vintage Tractor Days, visit our website for information. This wonderful family event grows each year and attracts exhibitors and visitors from all over the west.
- **The 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual wine tasting party**, a fund-raiser for the Center took place at the Lucero Winery on Saturday, May 22 in Dobbins. Even though the weather was threatening, there was a good gathering to enjoy delicious appetizers, award-winning wines, wonderful music and good fellowship.
- Alcouffe Center's first **Country Nite** occurred on July 17, 2010. The free event included country music, line dancing instruction, socializing with locals and just plain ol' Foothills fun! Concessions included hamburgers, hot dogs, beer, wine and sodas.
- The **Brian Ganz piano concerts** and an **Evening of Jazz** in September were wonderful additions to the music variety at the Center.
- The fifth annual **North Yuba Harvest Festival** had a great community turnout. It was held indoors this year at the Alcouffe Center due to rain. Activities included children's face painting, musical entertainment, along with fine arts and crafts. Gourmet tasting included award-winning local olive oils and local wines. For just \$10, wine tasting included a souvenir wine glass and wine-tasting of North Yuba Foothill wines.
- **Workout Sessions** resumed in September which includes **Circuit Training** and newly added **ZUMBA Dancing!** One hour sessions are from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. The sessions cost only \$2 each. Contact Arylce Baker at 692-1060 for information.

### 2010/2011 Events:

Holiday Mandolin Concert: 12/19/2010  
Mardi Gras party: 2/19/2011  
Sock Hop: March 2011  
Vintage Tractor Days: 4/30 – 5/1 2011  
Lucero's Wine Tasting: May 2011  
Country night: June 2011  
Jazz concert: July 2011  
Bluegrass concert: August 2011  
Mexican Dinner: 8/20/2011  
Fall Harvest Festival: 9/17/2011  
Oktoberfest: 10/15/2011

For Updates and event times visit our website: <http://www.dohif.com>

**Construction Progress:**

- Park update: The baseball field, picnic area and playground are nearing completion. This area is a County Park available to all with no charge for use but on a first come first served basis. Park hours are sunup to sundown. Park use information is posted on the DOHIF website and at the facility.
- Exterior: With some concrete work and minor work yet to be done, the building exterior is complete. Sidewalks are scheduled to be completed in 2011. Upgrades are currently being made to the Center's water system.
- Interior: With completion of the stage now in progress, installation of a drinking fountain and addition of video equipment, the building interior is near completion. Stage curtains will be added as funds permit. An exercise room is near completion in the South area of the building which will permit convenient use times.

**Recent Noteworthy donations:**

Individual and business donations are the main source of funds for continuing improvements and to help cover operating expenses. For the many of you who have donated, and wish to do so, a very big **Thank You!** When road base was recently needed for driveway improvements, **Teichert Aggregates** generously donated six transfer loads of road base. And it goes without saying that the many businesses that help sponsor our fundraising events are invaluable partners in sustaining the Community Center. A tremendous thank you to all our sponsors.

**Upcoming 2011 Events:**

- **Mardi Gras Authentic New Orleans dinner** is planned for February 19, 2011 at the Alcouffe Center. Keep checking the DOHIF website for details.
- Our first **Sock Hop** is tentatively planned for March, 2011 at the Alcouffe Center. Details will be available on the website.
- **Vintage tractor days** will be held again at Eventful Acres from April 30 to May 1, 2011.
- **4<sup>th</sup> Annual Wine Tasting party** is planned for May 2011 at Lucero Vineyards in Dobbins. Olive oil and gourmet cheese vendors will be present again for sampling and purchases at this annual fund raiser.
- **Community Spring Cleaning** is tentatively scheduled for Saturday May 28, 2011. It will be held on the grounds of the Alcouffe Center for area residents. Check your local post office bulletin board to learn disposal regulations and details.
- **Country Nite** is scheduled for June followed by a **Jazz Concert** in July and a **Bluegrass concert** in August.
- **Mexican Dinner** will be at the Alcouffe Center on Saturday, August 20, 2011. Donations from businesses and residents for gift baskets, gift certificates and home-made arts and crafts for auction items are appreciated to raise funds for the community center. Do you have a donation to contribute? Contact event organizer, Sue Muths, at 692-2709.
- **6<sup>th</sup> Annual North Yuba Harvest Festival** is planned for Saturday, September 17, 2011 on the grounds of the Alcouffe Center. Regional vendors will be ready for you to sample their olive oils and wines. Great food, musicians, arts & crafts vendors are also featured at this annual autumn event.
- **Oktoberfest** is planned for Saturday, October 15, 2011. This will be a new event for the Alcouffe Center. Details will be available at [dohif.com](http://dohif.com) by mid 2011.
- 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 632-6416 to obtain your card.
- **3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday each Month at 7pm, DOHIF Board Meeting.** You are invited to attend the board meetings held at the Alcouffe Center. Your ideas and concerns are welcomed and appreciated.

**Help your community center by volunteering your time.** Contact Jeff Swindle at 692-1651 for great volunteer opportunities. Volunteers are needed for fundraising, working at events, construction projects, landscaping and much more. This community has many talented residents so call Jeff 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 ware | • Library furniture & fixtures | • Webmaster, see: <a href="http://www.dohif.com">http://www.dohif.com</a> |
|                                 | • Stage Curtains               |   |
|                                 | • Conference table chairs      |   |

For more information, including a list of board members, see our web site at: <http://www.dohif.com>