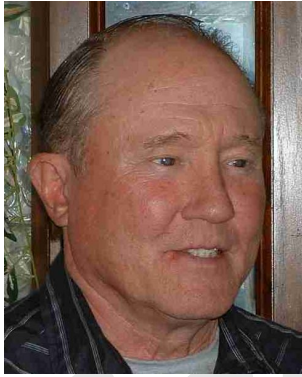


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Alcouffe Center Newsletter for Spring, 2010



Welcome to DOHIF Times, a newsletter published bi-annually 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: 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 happenings at, and in support of, Alcouffe Center for the last few months:

- **Workout Sessions (circuit training)** have been added as a regular ongoing weekly activity at the Alcouffe Center. The community would love to see you participate on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. The one hour sessions cost only \$2 each, and start each night at 6pm, and 7pm. Contact Cathy Monroe at 635-5677, cm0nr0e@yahoo.com for information.
- **Boy Scouts Annual Blue and Gold Dinner** was held at the Alcouffe Center on February 26, 2010. It was sponsored by Cub Pack 6400. Mike Lee, chartering foundation representative, and Pete Hammontre have been continually active in organizing this special event for young citizens and their families and friends.
- **Grand Opening** of the Alcouffe Center occurred on March 20, 2010. Some of the festivities included an Opening ceremony with the raising of the flag, time capsule messages written by residents to be opened in 50 years, community center tours, bounce house for the kids, karaoke, free food and line dancing. Everyone who attended had a great time and were able to meet and socialize with community residents.
- **Mardi Gras Crab & Shrimp Dinner** was held at the Alcouffe Center on March 27, 2010. A special thank you goes out to Fund Raising chairman Jeff Citron, Sue Muths, and the entire fund-raising committee for their hard work in organizing the authentic New Orleans style dinner. This was the first year for this event. We hope to continue this event year after year with your participation.
- A fund-raising **Spring Concert** was held at the Alcouffe Center on April 17, 2010. It was joy to see our local talent perform and help raise funds for the community center.
- **Vintage Tractor days** was held May 1 & 2, 2010. It was accompanied by a Pancake breakfast on May 2 at the Alcouffe Community Center. This annual event brings folks from all over the Foothills to Oregon House year after year for a weekend of activities. To register for next year's Vintage Tractor Days, check our website for registration information, RV parking for exhibitors, tractor drive times, game events, and locations of all events.

Building Progress:

- **Kitchen:** The much needed walk-in cooler for the kitchen was installed on February 13.

2010 Events:

Vintage Tractor Days:

Saturday & Sunday, May 1-2, 2010

Lucero's Wine Tasting:

Saturday, May 22, 2010

Community Spring Cleaning:

Saturday, May 29, 2010

Mexican Dinner

Saturday, September 18, 2010

Lake Francis Hydroplane Festival:

Saturday & Sunday Sept.25-26, 2010

Fall Harvest Festival:

Saturday, October 23, 2010

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

- **Exterior:** The Redbud Garden Club planted the trees on the east side of the building last October and set up a drip watering system. A special Thank You goes out to Iva Norris for donating her time for organizing the project and for doing a good part of the labor.
- **Interior:** The floor & base and stage have been installed and ready for your family or club events. The restrooms are finished. The board room paneling has been installed and looks fantastic. Most of the labor for these projects was performed by volunteers from our communities.

Recent Noteworthy Donations:

- o **Tim Wilkinson** pledged a generous donation for a permanent marquee sign which has just been installed at the community center driveway entrance on Marysville Road. The new marquee sign will be dedicated in memory of long-time resident, Ray Ingersoll.
- o **Bob Sonic**, master wood craftsman, has pledged to design and build a hand-crafted bar for the new lounge room.
- o Most importantly, your individual and small business donations are the main source of funds for continuing improvements and operating expenses of your Community Center. For all of you who have donated, and wish to do so, a very big **Thank You!**

Upcoming 2010 Events:

- **Lucero Vineyard Wine Tasting** will be held on Saturday, May 22, 2010 in Dobbins. Calolea Olive Oil and Alfred Comminotto cheese vendors will be present for sampling. Check our website for additional information on admission costs and directions to the winery in Dobbins. Or, contact organizer, Michelle Lee at 692-9906 for more information on how you can participate in this annual fund raiser.
- **Community Spring Cleaning** will be held on the grounds of the Alcouffe Center for area residents on Saturday, May 29, 2010. Check your local post office to learn disposal regulations and details. Thank you County Supervisor Hal Stocker and Yuba Sutter Disposal for providing this free dump service.
- Our annual **Mexican Dinner** at the Alcouffe Center on Saturday, September 18 will prove to be another colorful dinner and auction. You and your family will enjoy authentic Mexican food and auction items. Again, we appreciate donations from businesses and residents for gift baskets, gift certificates and home-made arts and crafts for donation items. Do you have a donation to contribute? Contact event organizer, Sue Muths, at 692-2709 for more information.
- **The Hydroplane Boat Races** will be held at Lake Francis in Dobbins on September 25 & 26, 2010. Come out with your friends and family and enjoy the fun watching boat racing participants of all ages. A special race between Foothill Fire Dept. from Brownsville and Dobbins/Oregon House Fire Dept. will highlight each day.
- **Fall Harvest Festival** is planned for Saturday, October 23, 2010 on the grounds of the Alcouffe Center. Regional vendors will be ready for you to sample and buy their harvested olive oils, wines and various crafts. See the DOHIF website <http://www.dohif.com> for more information. A special Thank You to Greg Holman for organizing this annual event.
- 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!
- **3rd Tuesday each Month at 7pm**, You are invited to attend the DOHIF board meetings held at the Alcouffe Center. Your voice in Community Center affairs 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 Jeff and volunteer today!

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

- Commercial grade kitchen pots, pans & knives
- Library furniture & fixtures
- Stage Curtains
- Video Projector
- Webmaster, see: <http://www.dohif.com>

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