

## Dobbins-Oregon House Improvement Foundation

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### Alcouffe Center Newsletter for Spring 2012



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

Chairman Robert Longman

#### Upcoming 2012 Events:

<u>Sock Hop/Classic Car Show:</u>	May 26
<u>Lucero Wine Tasting</u>	(TBA)
<u>July 4<sup>th</sup> Community Party</u>	July 4
<u>Community Auction:</u>	July 28
<u>Mexican Dinner &amp; Auction:</u>	Aug. 25
<u>North Yuba Harvest Festival:</u>	Sept 29 & 30
<u>Mandolin Ensemble Concert</u>	Oct. 13
<u>Return of the "D-OH Beatles"</u>	(TBA)

For updates, event times and details, visit our website: <http://www.alcouffecenter.org>

#### What's happened so far in 2012:

Here is a short recap of some happenings at, or in support of, the Alcouffe Center so far this year:

- **A Wine Tasting Fundraiser** was held by Renaissance Vineyard & Winery on January 14 to benefit the Community Center. Many local residents as well as wine lovers from around the North State attended, enjoying the fine weather, tasty food and live music at the RVW lakeside tasting room.
- **Valentine's Prime Rib Dinner & Dance** was celebrated at the community center on Saturday, February 11 with live music by Steve Williams. Attendees enjoyed a delicious prime-rib dinner with complimentary RVW wines. The room was beautifully decorated, and couples enjoyed the evening on the dance floor.
- **Our 1<sup>st</sup> Community Talent Show** on April 14 proved an immediate success. Some 25 courageous and talented performers sang, danced, played instruments and did stand-up comedy to a delighted and appreciative audience. A video of the performance is available on our website.
- **Our 8<sup>th</sup> annual Vintage Tractor Days** was a huge success with more attractions, more visitors and more fun than ever before. The winning ticket for the famous **Pink Tractor** was held by Jackie Stovall of Grass Valley, who came out Sunday to claim her prize and drive it around the arena. The year-long raffle raised over \$22,000 of which half was donated to the American Cancer Society.
- **A series of Town Hall meetings on Local Food Resources** has been well attended, starting on Feb. 15 with guest speaker Bob McFarland, president of the California State Grange. For information on continuing projects to promote Local Food, visit [www.northyubafoothills.com](http://www.northyubafoothills.com).
- **Family Movie Nights** are the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of every month at 7:00 pm and are FREE. Doors open at 6:30 pm. Food, snacks and beverages are available at a nominal cost. Children under 13 must be accompanied by an adult. Call Janet at 692-9511 to find out what's showing each month.
- **Workout Sessions** are held in our new exercise room which opened in March 2011. **Circuit Training** and **ZUMBA Dancing** are offered 5:30-7:00 pm on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. The sessions cost only \$2 each. Contact Arlyce Baker at 692-1060 for information.
- **Adult Recreational Softball** starts in June. Sign-ups are now in progress for our second summer of community adult softball fun. Sign-up forms are available on our website.
- **North Yuba Little League (NYLL)** is now playing a portion of their games at Douthit Field! Come out and support your local teams who play their home games here. A game schedule for Douthit Field is posted on our website.

**Construction Progress:**

- Park update: The Park is available to all with no charge for use 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. Short term Park area improvements include construction of a Snack Shack with restrooms and a scoreboard for the ball field. Long term improvements include installation of bleachers and outfield lighting. A capital campaign is underway to raise funds for the Snack Shack (fall construction start) and scoreboard (see flyer enclosed).
- Building Update: Our commercial kitchen certification was obtained in the last year and the kitchen is now busy with various uses. A new patio is now at the South end of the building to serve the lounge area, wine tasting and various other events. AC/heat has now been installed in the Conference Room and Office.

**Recent Noteworthy donations:**

Individual and business donations are a primary source of funds for continuing improvements and to help cover operating expenses. For the many of you who have donated, or wish to do so, a very big **Thank You!** The many businesses that help sponsor our fundraising events or have purchased ball field advertising banners are invaluable partners in sustaining the Community Center. For a list of our sponsors visit our website.

**Upcoming 2012 Events:**

- **North Yuba Classic Car Show & Sock Hop** will be the high point of the Memorial Day weekend, starting at 11:00 am Saturday, with the Car Show, a FREE event for spectators and \$15 for registrants, which includes one ticket (and meal) to the Sock Hop. Sock Hop starts at 5:00 pm with a great band, The Believers, who specialize in music of the 1950s and 60s. Burgers, fries, malts, shakes, prizes, hula hoop, limbo and bubble gum contests for the whole family.
- The date of the **5th Annual Lucero Vineyards Wine Tasting** will be announced soon. Check our website calendar. This annual fundraiser features appetizers, award-winning local wine, and live music in a beautiful venue overlooking the Lucero vineyards on Texas Hill Road in Dobbins.
- **ALL FREE July 4<sup>th</sup> Community Celebration of our Country's birthday** with food (burgers, dogs, etc.), bounce house and kid's games and activities, fireworks display and sparklers for the kids, patriotic music, etc. Come out and help us celebrate with a good old fashioned 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration! It's all FREE!
- **July 28 Community Auction!** Get rid of those unwanted items taking up space or buy those items you have been looking for! Used equipment, tools, household and miscellaneous items of all kinds. Consignment on Friday July 27; auction previews Friday evening and Saturday morning until bidding starts at 10:00 am. Check the website for full details. Food concessions on site all day. A community service auction; a portion of the proceeds help support operations of the Alcouffe Center and Floyd R. Douthit Memorial Park.
- **Mexican Dinner and Live Auction**, a very popular annual fundraiser, is set for Saturday, August 25. Auction preview and no-host bar begin at 5:30 pm. Donations from businesses and residents for gift baskets, gift certificates, antiques, and 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.
- **7th Annual North Yuba Harvest Festival** will be a two-day event this year! Set for September 29 and 30, this is the premium food, wine and olive oil festival for the North Yuba area. More than 50 vendors will be on hand for this family friendly event, with lots of bounce house and other children's activities, live music and entertainment. FREE with suggested \$5 parking donation.
- **Apollo Mandolin Ensemble Concert** on October 13 will see the return of this very popular group of musicians to the Alcouffe stage, led by maestro Nikolay Shpurik. Wine & hors d'oeuvres will be served.
- **Save Mart and Food Maxx** have partnered with DOHIF through the **S.H.A.R.E.S. Program** which donates 3% of qualifying purchases to DOHIF when you swipe your S.H.A.R.E.S. card at the register. Call 632-6416 to get a card, or make a donation to DOHIF and you will receive a SHARES card enclosed with your thank-you note.
- **2nd Tuesday each Month at 7pm, DOHIF Board Meeting.** All 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 and funding** are needed for working at events, construction projects, landscaping, and much more. This community has many talented residents so call Jeff and volunteer today!

Can you help with our **Wish List**? We need commercial grade kitchen ware, interior furniture, stage curtains, wall décor and other items. Contact any Board Member (members shown on our web site). Thanks!

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Keep up-to-date on events, enjoy slide shows & videos, purchase tickets, download forms, view DOHIF Board members list, read about our sponsors, and much more on our ever-changing website. Also check us out on Facebook. If you would like to rent the center for your family or group event, simply click on the **"How to Use"** tab on the website to download the rental forms and fee schedules, or contact Sue Muths, at 692-2709