

Dobbins-Oregon House Improvement Foundation

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Alcouffe Center Newsletter - Spring 2013



Vintage Tractor Days, 2013

Welcome to DOHIF Times, a newsletter published bi-annually with information about your community center. We hope you enjoy this update. We welcome your comments and questions. Please call me at 692-9162 or email me at: rlong0000@aol.com
Robert Longman, Chairman

Upcoming 2013 Events

The **7th Annual Lucero Vineyards Wine Tasting** is set for June 29. This annual fundraiser features appetizers, award-winning local wines, and live music in a beautiful venue overlooking the Lucero vineyards on Texas Hill Road in Dobbins.

We will again host a **FREE July 4th Community Celebration** of our Country's birthday with food (burgers, dogs, etc.), bounce house, dunk tank, kid's games, and activities, including pony rides, fireworks display and sparklers for the kids, patriotic music, etc. Come out and help us celebrate a traditional American family Fourth!

Stuff you just couldn't bear to toss at the spring clean-up you can sell, or find those items you've been looking for at our annual **Community Auction!** Used equipment, tools, household and miscellaneous items of all kinds. Consignment on Friday July 26; auction previews Friday evening and Saturday morning until bidding starts at 10:00 am. Check the website for full details and forms. We will have food concessions on site all day. This is a

community service auction; a portion of the proceeds help support operations of the Alcouffe Center and Floyd R. Douthit Memorial Park. Contact Robert at 692-9162 for more information.

Our annual **Mexican Dinner and Live Auction**, a very popular annual fundraiser, is set for Saturday, August 24. Lucio Cueva will guest chef again this year. Auction preview and no-host bar begin at 5:30 pm. Donations of auction items from businesses and residents of gift baskets, gift certificates, antiques, and arts and crafts are appreciated to raise funds for the community center. *Do you have a donation to contribute?* Contact event organizer, Sue Muths, at 692-2709.

The **8th Annual North Yuba Harvest Festival** will be a two-day event again this year! Set for September 28 and 29, 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 bounce house and lots of other children's activities, live music and entertainment. *Vendors: Contact Greg Holman, at 692-2476.* FREE with suggested \$5 parking donation.

Still to Come in 2013

<u>Lucero Wine Tasting</u>	Jun 29
<u>July 4th Community Party</u>	July 4
<u>Community Auction:</u>	July 27
<u>Mexican Dinner & Auction:</u>	Aug 24
<u>North Yuba Harvest Festival:</u>	Sept 28-29
<u>Mandolin Ensemble Concert</u>	TBD **

** Date To Be Determined, see our website

Apollo Mandolin Ensemble Concert 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. See our website for the late fall date (to-be-announced).

Construction Progress

This year, we started work on the **Snack Shack** above the ball park with storage and rest rooms. Please help! If you would like to donate to this much needed improvement, see our website.

Major improvements to the grounds resulted in a new arena and roadways



from the lower front of the property to the arena. Both were completed in time for our Vintage Tractor Days event.

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 will include completion 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 and scoreboard (construction to continue in the fall).

Building Update: We installed a new convection oven in the kitchen. With commercial kitchen certification, the kitchen is busy but there are some time slots still available for budding entrepreneurs or caterers. Contact Sue Muths 692-2709 or Robert Longman 692-9162. A patio at the south end of the building was added to serve the lounge area. A bar was built in the lounge with plumbing for a sink and refrigeration. AC/heat has been installed in the conference room and office. Our old (donated) heating/air conditioning unit for the main hall was replaced with a new high efficiency quieter unit.



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 plan 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, please visit our website.

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 Jeff at 632-6416 to get a card.

Other Notes of Interest

A “Little Free Library” was installed in the Alcouffe Center north entrance. See <http://www.littlefreelibrary.org/> for more info on the Little Free Library concept. Check it out: take a book, leave a book.

Family Movie Nights are the 2nd 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.

Workout Sessions are held in our exercise room. ZUMBA Dancing and exercise equipment are offered 5:30-7:00 pm on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Each sessions cost \$2. Contact Arlyce Baker at 692-1060 for information.

Another Successful **North Yuba Little League** season just concluded play at Douthit Field. Thirty five games were played at our local field which is the home field for several local teams. If you did not get out to see a game this season you missed some great youth baseball! The outfield fence advertising banner program helps significantly with the upkeep of the baseball field and could be a great advertising exposure for your business! We have space for a few more advertisers. Please contact Robert Longman, 692-9162 for information, it's a great way to show support for local youth activities at a nominal cost.

We accept Bequests!

DOHIF is funded solely through volunteer donations and events; it does

not receive any public funds. Because we are a 501(c)(3), donations will usually result in a tax deduction for the contributor.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

Donate Money: When you return your contribution to this mailer, you will receive a warm Thank You documenting your contribution which may be used for your annual taxes.

Attend our events: Our events are our main source of revenue throughout the year. Your attendance and enthusiasm is critical to our continued vitality.

Volunteer: We are always in need of volunteers for events and on-going maintenance and construction projects.

Planned Giving: Wills and trusts can be used as part of Charitable Estate Planning. This is an excellent way to give and get some great tax advantages. Contact your professional estate planner.

Stocks, Bonds, Real Property: Lien free, are also generally acceptable forms of donations.

Center Director Position

The Dobbins-Oregon House Improvement Foundation (DOHIF) seeks a contract position for a part time Operations Director for the Alcouffe Community Center. Primary responsibilities are 1) administering day to day operations and 2) developing new revenue sources; Candidate must live within the boundaries of the Dobbins-Oregon House Fire Protection District and have a strong sense of community involvement, good organization and communication skills and be willing to work flexible hours. QuickBooks knowledge/experience a plus but not mandatory.

Contact Robert Longman, DOHIF Board Chair, at 692-9162 for additional information or to obtain an application. Please visit www.alcouffecenter.org for general information. The Alcouffe Center is an Equal Opportunity facility.

DOHIF’s mission is to build and support a place to meet, provide improved health & safety services, enhance education, assist with disaster relief, recreate, and enjoy life.

Our Vision is a vibrant and healthy community where needed services are provided and available to all residents.

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.

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