

## Dobbins-Oregon House Improvement Foundation

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### Alcouffe Center Newsletter - Winter 2012



Celebrating Independence Day, 2012

Welcome to *DOHIF Times*, a newsletter published bi-annually with information about your community center. We hope you enjoy this update and new format. We welcome your comments and questions. Please call 692-9162 or email me at: [rlong000@aol.com](mailto:rlong000@aol.com) Robert Longman, Chairman

### Upcoming 2013 Events

We will start the year off with a new event for the Alcouffe Center: an all-you-can-eat **Crab & Shrimp Feed** that will feature a full menu and complimentary wines. Advanced ticket sales only, but you can purchase tickets with credit card or Pay Pal on our website.

**Renaissance Vineyard and Winery** will again host a wine tasting to benefit the Community Center on February 16. This event was very popular last year with live music and delicious hors d'oeuvres

The **9<sup>th</sup> annual Vintage Tractor Days** is moving to the Alcouffe Center grounds this year. We are working to configure an arena and display grounds along with the parking and other facilities needed to host this must-attend event.

We will again host the **Sock Hop and Classic Car Show** on Memorial Day weekend, starting at 11:00 am Saturday.

The Car Show is FREE for spectators and \$15 for registrants, which includes one ticket (and meal) to the Sock Hop which starts at 5:00 pm.

This year, the annual **Spring Clean-up** will be at Alcouffe Center. Watch our website and marquee on Marysville Road for the date and get ready to get rid of all your unwanted junk.

The **7<sup>th</sup> 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 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 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.

Our annual **Mexican Dinner and Live Auction**, a very popular annual fundraiser, is set for Saturday, August 24. Auction preview and no-host bar begin at 5:30 pm. Donations of

### Coming in 2013

<u>Crab Feed</u>	Jan 19
<u>Renaissance Wine Tasting</u>	Feb 16
<u>Tractor Days</u>	May 4-5
<u>Sock Hop/Classic Car Show</u>	May 25
<u>Spring Clean-up</u>	June **
<u>Lucero Wine Tasting</u>	Jun 29
<u>July 4<sup>th</sup> Community Party</u>	July 4
<u>Community Auction:</u>	July 27
<u>Mexican Dinner &amp; Auction:</u>	Aug. 24
<u>North Yuba Harvest Festival:</u>	Sept 28-29
<u>Mandolin Ensemble Concert</u>	TBD **
<u>Return of the "D-OH Beatles"</u>	TBD **

\*\* Date To Be Determined, see our website

<http://www.alcouffecenter.org>

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. FREE with suggested \$5 parking donation.



Harvest Festival Entertainment

Apollo **Mandolin Ensemble Concert** on date TBD 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.

### Construction Progress

This year, we kicked off a capital campaign to build a **Snack Shack** with storage and rest rooms above the ball park. Please help! If you would like to donate to this much needed improvement, see our website.

Grounds prep for Vintage Tractor Days is underway.

**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 and scoreboard (fall construction start).

**Building Update:** We installed a new convection oven in the kitchen. With commercial kitchen certification, the kitchen is now busy with various uses. A new patio is at the South end of the building was added to serve the lounge area, wine tastings and various other events. AC/heat has now been installed in the Conference Room and Office, and 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 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.

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

### 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.

From June through September we held weekly "Wine, Food and Art" events on Saturdays from noon to 3:00 pm. Many visitors and local residents attended to taste local wines, gourmet lunches prepared by local chefs and to view local art.

A series of Town Hall meetings on Local Food Resources was 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 <http://www.northyubagrown.org/>

Reminder: 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. 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.

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 for 2013 will be posted on our website.

**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. This community has many talented residents so call Jeff and volunteer today!

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