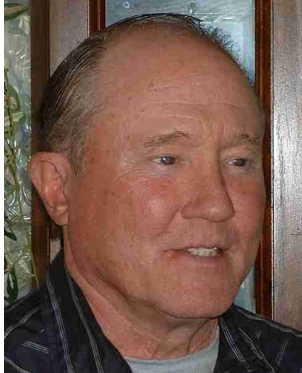


## Dobbins-Oregon House Improvement Foundation

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Alcouffe Center Newsletter for Winter 2011



*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

### 2011 events recap:

- **Vintage Tractor Days** held at Eventful Acres was once again a great success with plenty of vintage tractors, parades, games and fun for all. Also, we introduced the Pink Tractor raffle. Tickets for the raffle prize, a 1945 model Ford 2N pink tractor donated by the Ferguson family will be available through May 4, 2012. The 8th annual Vintage Tractor Days will be May 5 & 6 and the winning ticket will be drawn at 4pm on May 5, 2012. Ticket proceeds will go to the local branch of the American Cancer Society and to Alcouffe Center.
- **Spring Clean Up** was sponsored by Yuba-Sutter Recology who provided dumpsters. Area residents were able to dump household and yard items at no charge at the Alcouffe Center. Look for the 2012 Spring Clean Up to be held in Brownsville.
- **Sock Hop** Folks will be talking about the June 17 Sock Hop for quite a while! The guest band, The Believers, was fantastic! They specialize in the music of the 1950s and 60s, playing favorite hits in the style of the original artists. We plan to have this fabulous Oldies party again May 26, 2012!
- **The 6th Annual Lucero Vineyards & Winery Open House** held July 9 was a memorable gourmet experience. A great turn-out of wine lovers, friends, and community residents enjoyed award-winning wines and olive oils, imported cheeses, and a lavish assortment of hors d'oeuvres. Live classical music provided background music. Lucero Vineyards and Winery in Dobbins is family owned and operated by active volunteer community members, Dan and Marian Lucero. We look forward to the 7th annual event next summer.
- **Mexican Dinner and Live Auction** held Saturday, August 20, was a resounding success, both as a fundraiser and also as a great community party. Credit for the success of this event goes out to the event organizers including the many volunteers who served food, guest chef George "Butch" Rogers, and the generosity of dozens of local businesses and individuals who donated over 30 valuable items for auction. Our auctioneer, Pete Hammontre, did an outstanding job at the entertaining auction!
- **Summer Music Festival** On September 4, a solo piano recital was performed by Brian Ganz of works by Chopin, Ravel, Liszt and Beethoven. September 5 to 11 included Master Classes, lectures, a "Young Musicians Concert" given by young local talent and a final chamber concert with Ganz joined by musicians also of international reputation: cellist Burke Schuchmann and flutist Yael Ronen.
- **6th Annual North Yuba Harvest Festival** was a festive event on September 17 under the shady oak trees at the Alcouffe Center featuring gold-medal wines and olive oils which are produced in our unique climate and soils of the local foothills. We had about 50 vendors in all with food stalls, arts & crafts, antiques, Farmers Market, coffee bistro, children's activities, juggler/magician William Galvin, and live musical entertainment.

### Upcoming 2012 Events:

<u>Christmas Tree Lighting:</u>	12/11/2011
<u>Renaissance Wine Tasting:</u>	1/14/2012
<u>Valentines Dinner:</u>	2/11/2012
<u>Vintage Tractor Days:</u>	5/5 – 5/6 2012
<u>Sock Hop &amp; Classic Cars:</u>	5/26/2012
<u>Spring Clean-Up (Brownsville):</u>	6/2/2012
<u>Lucero's Wine Tasting:</u>	6/16/2012
<u>Summer Music Festival:</u>	September 2012
<u>Mexican Dinner:</u>	8/25/2012
<u>North Yuba Harvest Festival:</u>	9/29/2012
<u>Mandolin Ensemble concert:</u>	10/14/2012

For Updates and Event times visit our website: <http://www.alcouffecenter.org>

- On October 1, the **D/OH Beatles Live Music Benefit** featured an outstanding performance donated by the "D/OH Beatles," accomplished musicians who have been doing Beatles' music shows for over 3 years. The proceeds from this show benefited our Community Center and the students, staff, and parents of YES Charter Academy, who also participated in the planning, created show artwork, and helped with stage decoration.
- On October 8 & 9, the **Apollo Ballet Troupe** presented its second annual performance by its talented young ballet students on the Alcouffe Center stage.
- The very popular **Apollo Mandolin Ensemble**, a virtuoso group of international musicians, performed an all-Vivaldi program October 15 in support of Alcouffe Center. The audience responded with a standing ovation.

#### Construction Progress:

- Park update: The baseball field, picnic area and playground are complete! The new Douthit Memorial Park is a County Park 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 our website and at the facility.
- Exterior: With some concrete work and minor work yet to be done, the building exterior is complete.
- Interior: The stage is now complete. We are looking for funds to install stage curtains. The exercise room and administrative office have been completed in the South area of the building.

#### 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, a very big **Thank You!**

- A special thanks to Gerald Lee of Loma Rica. Gerald donated a Bush-Hog 5' Rotary Cutter.
- A big Thank You also goes to the estate of Nolan Kutch for donating a restorable 1949 8N Ford Tractor.
- Thanks Bill and Betty Damrel for donating flatware to go with the Community Center's existing flatware.
- Thanks also to Bob & Betty Hetchman for donating a spotlight used during performances.
- In honor of their mother, the Ferguson family donated a 1945 Ford 2N tractor which has been restored and is now the Pink Tractor to be raffled on May 5, 2012 at our annual Tractor Days Event.
- We are also grateful to Western Aggregates, Teichert Aggregates, Baldwin Contracting and Nordic Industries for donations of gravel used primarily for the upper parking lot.
- We also owe special thanks to Barbara Burton for donating a huge amount of her time and talents to constructing and supporting our new web site: <http://www.alcouffecenter.org>.

If you need web services, please contract Barbara at 692-9394 or visit her website: [www.bb-portal.com](http://www.bb-portal.com).

#### Upcoming Winter/Spring 2012 Events:

- **Renaissance Wine Tasting Fundraiser** will be held January 14, 2012 at RVW Tasting Room, 12587 Rice's Crossing Rd., Oregon House. For information call Greg Holman at 692-2476 or visit our website.
- **Valentine's Dinner** is planned for February 11, 2012 at the Alcouffe Center. Keep checking the Alcouffe Center website for details.
- **8<sup>th</sup> Annual Vintage Tractor Days** will be held again at Eventful Acres from May 5 to May 6, 2012. The winning ticket for the pink tractor will be drawn at 4 pm on Saturday, May 5.
- **7th Annual Wine Tasting party** is planned for June 16, 2012 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, June 2, 2012. It will be held in Brownsville this year for area residents.
- DOHIF Board Meetings are held on the 2nd Tuesday each month except December, 7 - 9 pm, You are invited to join us in the Conference Room. We welcome your ideas for improving your community center.
- Check our website for regular monthly events including for example **Free Family Movie Nights**, health lectures and exercise classes, Alcouffe Center offers activities for residents of all ages.
- Support your Alcouffe 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.

**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 | • Stage Curtains         | • Webmaster   |
|                                 | • Conference room chairs | • Landscaping |

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