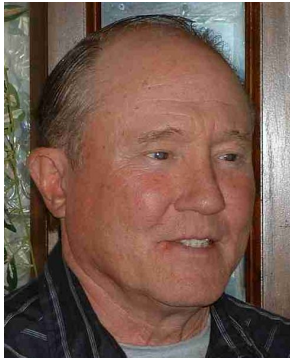


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Alcouffe Center Newsletter for Spring 2011



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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, or phone me at (530) 692-9162.

Upcoming 2011 Events:

<u>Baseball Park Dedication:</u>	May 21
<u>Spring Clean Up:</u>	June 4
<u>Sock Hop Party:</u>	June 17
<u>Lucero's Wine Tasting:</u>	July 9
<u>Country Nite:</u>	July (TBA)
<u>Bluegrass concert:</u>	Aug. (TBA)
<u>Mexican Dinner & Auction:</u>	Aug. 20
<u>Harvest Festival:</u>	Sept. 17
<u>Jazz Evening</u>	Oct. 15
<u>Battle of the Bands:</u>	Nov. 15 (TBA)

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

What's happened so far in 2011:

Here is a short recap of some happenings at, and in support of, Alcouffe Center during 2011:

- **2nd Annual Mardi Gras Shrimp Dinner** was held at the community center on Saturday, March 26, 2011. This 4 course meal was served at the tables beginning with salad and loaves of bread, followed by bowls of red beans and rice, then generous portions of jumbo shrimp and King cake dessert. Be sure to mark your calendar to attend next March. This is an annual event you don't want to miss!
- **Our 7th annual Vintage Tractor Days** was a huge success, more tractors, more visitors and more fun than ever before. Plan to attend this wonderful family event next year for sure.
- **A New Web Site** for the Alcouffe Center was published on March 23, 2011. Check out our new and improved website at <http://www.alcouffecenter.org>. The website has information about upcoming events, a photo gallery of many past events (you may find yourself there!) as well as much more information about the Center and community. Tickets for Center events can now be purchased on line for your convenience! Just click on the **Events** tab.
- **Win a Vintage Pink Tractor & help fight cancer.** See <http://www.alcouffecenter.org> for info on this great raffle.
- If you would like to rent the center for your family or group event, simply click on the green tab at the top of the web page titled, "**How to Use**", to download the rental forms and fee schedules. Or, you may contact our building coordinator, Sue Muths, at 692-2709.
- The **Administrative office** at the Alcouffe Center was completed in March 2011.
- **Family Movie Nights** are the 2nd Friday of every month at 7:00 pm and are FREE. Doors open at 6:30 pm. Food, and snacks and sodas are available a nominal cost. Children under 13 must be accompanied by an adult. Call Janet at 692-9511 to find out what's showing this month.
- **Workout Sessions** are now being held in our new exercise room which opened in March of this year. **Circuit Training** and **ZUMBA Dancing** are offered 5:30-7:00 pm on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. The sessions cost only \$2 each. Contact Arylce Baker at 692-1060 for questions and information on the class sessions.
- **Women's Self-Defense classes** are FREE and being offered on the 2nd Tuesday of each month from 6:30 to 8:30 pm.
- **Weight Loss Challenge** classes are held every Wednesday from 5:30 to 6:30 pm.
- **Adult Recreational Softball** starts in May. Sign-Ups are now in progress for our first summer of community adult softball fun. Sign-up forms are available on our website.

Construction Progress:

- Park update: The baseball field, picnic area and playground are nearing completion. This area 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 the DOHIF website and at the facility. The **Floyd R. Douthit Memorial Park** dedication will be held on Saturday, May 21 at 12:00 pm so mark your calendar for this day of celebration.
- Sidewalks are scheduled to be completed in 2011. Upgrades are currently being made to the Center's water system.
- Interior: We have completed the Lounge and are looking for donations of furniture and wall décor.

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, and wish to do so, a very big **Thank You!** When road base was recently needed for driveway improvements, **Teichert Aggregates** and **Western Aggregates** generously donated road base. And it goes without saying that the many businesses that help sponsor our fundraising events are invaluable partners in sustaining the Community Center. A tremendous thank you to all our donors and sponsors. Find our current sponsors here:
<http://www.alcouffecenter.org/sponsors.htm>

Upcoming 2011 Events:

- **Floyd R. Douthit Memorial park** dedication will be held on May 21, beginning at 12:00 pm. Free hot dogs, hamburgers, chips, drinks and apple pie will be in abundance, so bring your friends and family. A ribbon-cutting, first pitch, and a Little League or softball game will take place in the afternoon. The Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts will present the colors followed by various speakers from the community including the Douthit family.
- **Community Spring Cleaning** is scheduled for Saturday June 4, 2011. It will be held on the grounds of the Alcouffe Center for area residents. Check your local post office bulletin board to see disposal regulations.
- **Sock Hop Party** will be held on Friday, June 17 at 6pm featuring a wonderful Bay Area band playing all your oldies but goodies. Contests include hula-hoop, bubble gum blowing and limbo!
- **The 5th Annual wine tasting party**, a fund-raiser for the community center will be held at the Lucero Winery on Saturday, July 9 in Dobbins, from 2-5 pm. This annual gathering features appetizers, award-winning local wine, music and relaxing fun. Visit our new website to find out details on how you can participate in this event.
- **Country Nite** - Live Country Music! Line Dancing! is tentatively scheduled for July/August. (TBA)
- **Bluegrass Concert** is tentatively scheduled for August (TBA).
- **Mexican Dinner and Auction** will be at the Alcouffe Center on Saturday, August 20, 2011, 6:30 pm. Auction preview and no-host bar begin at 5 pm. Donations from businesses and residents for gift baskets, gift certificates and home-made 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** is planned for Saturday, September 17, 2011 from 10:00 to 4:00 on the grounds of the Alcouffe Center. Regional vendors will be ready for you to sample their olive oils, cheeses and wines. Great food, musicians, arts & crafts vendors are also featured at this annual autumn event.
- **An evening of Jazz** (live entertainment night club style) is tentatively scheduled for October (TBA).
- 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 SHARES card at the register *OR* make a donation from our website page "Support tab" and you will receive a SHARES card enclosed with your thank-you note. (There is no personal information, as the card is in DOHIF's name). Make a donation or contact Jeff Citron at 632-6416 to obtain your card.
- **2nd Tuesday each Month at 7pm, DOHIF Board Meeting.** You 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, interior build-out 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!
 We need commercial grade kitchen ware, interior furniture, stage curtains, and wall décor.
 We could also use volunteer help keeping the grass mowed & weeds whacked, Thanks.

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