



## Alcoa News

### **Alcoa "Month of Service" reflects commitment to volunteering**

*Employees assist Stanly County Christian Ministries in distributing food*

A group of 10 employees from Alcoa-Yadkin and Alcoa's Badin Works plant will gather at a Badin, NC church later this month to help the Stanly County Christian Ministries distribute food to less fortunate members of the community. The volunteer project is one of hundreds involving Alcoa employees as part of Alcoa's "Worldwide Month of Service," a company effort designed to celebrate and recognize the company's commitment to volunteering.

"We've been part of the Stanly County community for nearly a century, and we make a concerted effort to lend a helping hand to local organizations," said Tommy Gibson, a community relations manager for Alcoa. "The Alcoa 'Month of Service' shines a spotlight on how our employees assist the community, but our commitment to Stanly County is evident every month of the year."

Alcoa employees in Stanly County have a long history of giving back to the community. This year, workers have volunteered their time to assist several local non-profit organizations, including the Stanly County Community Ministries, Stanly County YMCA and the Stanly County Resource Development Center. Many other worthwhile organizations have benefited from the generosity of the Alcoa Foundation, which provides funding to support local causes.

### **ACTION grants provide time and money to support local organizations**

When Alcoa employees participate in volunteer activities, Alcoa provides financial support to that organization through ACTION (Alcoans Coming Together in Our Neighborhoods) grants. When five Alcoa employees volunteer for an organization for four hours or more, Alcoa provides a \$1,500 grant. The amount increases to \$3,000 if 10 or more employees volunteer.

"The company likes to support causes that are important to our community and employees, and ACTION grants help local non-profit organizations by providing the two things they need most: time and money," Gibson said.

The food distribution activity on Thursday, October 26 will be Alcoa's fourth volunteer project for the Stanly County Community Ministries in the past three years. This year's \$3,000 donation will help the organization purchase food, prescription medicine, clothing and other items that provide direct assistance.

"Alcoa volunteers are just miracle workers," said Barry Whitley, executive director of Stanly

## Relicensing News

### **Stakeholders continue development of Relicensing Settlement Agreement**

Stakeholders who signed the Agreement in Principle (AIP) this summer are continuing to work on the development of a formal Relicensing Settlement Agreement. This binding agreement, based on the conditions outlined in the AIP, will be submitted to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission as recommendations for the future management of the Yadkin Project.

FERC officials are planning to visit the region in early 2007 to solicit public feedback about relicensing The Yadkin Project. More details will be provided as they become available.

### **RELICENSING FACT: RECREATION IMPROVEMENTS**

The Agreement in Principle will provide new opportunities for swimmers, boaters and fishermen to enjoy the lakes. Alcoa has agreed to spend more than \$7.5 million to enhance public recreation opportunities. Plans call for a new public swim area in Rowan County, new public fishing piers and improved tailrace fishing access at High Rock and Tuckertown and 10 new hardened, dispersed campsites. Other highlights include improvements to portage trails and the Yadkin Pee Dee River Trail; the addition of new portable restroom facilities at 8-10 locations; and upgrades that will make up to 10 sites ADA accessible.

## Upcoming Events

County Community Ministries. "Their manpower at our Mobile Food Pantries has been wonderful. A majority of our clients are physically unable to carry their food from the distribution tables to their vehicles."

Alcoa typically conducts four volunteers efforts a year that qualify for Alcoa ACTION grants. Local non-profit groups interested in learning more about Alcoa's ACTION program should contact [Tommy Gibson](#).

## In the Community

### Badin Post Office Honors former Mayor Garrison

The Badin Post Office was officially renamed earlier this month in honor of former Mayor Tom Garrison, who passed away in October 2005. It is now recognized as the Mayor John Thompson "Tom" Garrison, Sr. Memorial Post Office.

U.S. Congressman Robin Hayes passed a bill to rename the post office in August 2006. He was on hand for a formal dedication ceremony, along with Badin Postmaster Sue Doby and John T. Garrison Jr.

"He was a well respected icon in this community," Doby told the Stanly News 7 Press. "This dedication will serve to keep his memory alive for generations to come in Badin."

### Alcoa to announce community grants

Alcoa will host a special luncheon at the Alcoa Conference Center in Badin on Tuesday, November 7 to recognize local non-profit organizations who are receiving grants from Alcoa and Alcoa Foundation. The event will recognize 34 groups representing Stanly, Davidson, Rowan and Montgomery counties.

### Fort Bragg officers visit the Yadkin Project

A team of Civil Affairs officers from Fort Bragg visited Alcoa last month to learn more about the company's hydroelectric operations.



### Badin receives grant from NC Dept. of Transportation

The Town of Badin has received a \$16,000 grant from the North Carolina Department of Transportation to help the community develop comprehensive pedestrian plans. It was one of 12 municipalities across the state to receive funding as part of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Planning Grant Initiative.

Representatives from the Dept. of Transportation visited Badin in September 2006 to speak with city leaders about planning issues. The program was developed in response to a desire for more walkable and bikeable communities.

## Did You Know?

### Archaeology Days

Saturday, November 18

Sunday, November 19

Raleigh, NC

[www.naturalsciences.org](http://www.naturalsciences.org)

Archaeology Days

is a two-day public festival that

highlights North

Carolina's ancient

human history, with a focus on the historic Hardaway site in Stanly County.

The festival, held at the NC Museum of Natural Sciences, is being funded with a grant from the Alcoa Foundation.

Visitors will have a chance to learn how archaeologists uncover artifacts and see some of the amazing archaeological wonders found in our state.

Last year, Alcoa donated more than 1.3 million artifacts from the Hardaway site to researchers at the University of North Carolina. The gift was accompanied by a \$220,000 grant from the Alcoa Foundation to increase public awareness about the Hardaway Site. Archaeology Days is one of many outreach efforts designed to bring attention to the Hardaway site.

*A free bus trip is being organized to bring residents from Stanly County to this exciting event. For more information, contact the NC Museum of Natural Sciences at (877) 462-7724.*



## Tip of the Month

### Fall, winter months bring new boating dangers

The fall and winter months are a popular time for fisherman to spend their days on the Yadkin lakes. It is important to remember that many of the unfortunate boating tragedies that have occurred in recent years took place during the fall and winter months.

### Safety Tips & Reminders:

If a boating accident takes place, there will likely be fewer boats nearby to provide assistance. Another danger is

More than 25,000 Alcoa employees around the world are expected to spend time volunteering in their local communities this month as part of Alcoa's Worldwide Month of Service. Volunteer efforts will take place at more than 200 Alcoa locations in 33 countries. Many of the volunteer activities will focus on conservation and sustainability, featuring environmental activities and education programs to support community development and local initiatives.



that boaters who fall into the water will have more difficulty swimming to safety if they are wearing heavy clothes.

The best way to stay safe is to always wear a life jacket. If you plan to take your boat out of the lake this fall or winter, Alcoa-Yadkin encourages you to play it safe and always wear a life jacket.

This electronic newsletter is designed to keep the community informed about important issues related to the relicensing of the Yadkin Project.

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## Balancing Energy Generation, Recreation *and* Environmental Resources