



# Cohasset Community Association NEWSLETTER

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Cohasset Bazaar

August 6



# Cohasset Chili Cook-off 2022

The 6th Annual 2022 Cohasset Chili Cook-off was a rousing success for a community that has had to go without, for the last 2 years. A big THANKS goes out to Candice Erickson for organizing this great event! The day was filled with the wonderful music provided by the “Stump Jumpers” led by Mud Creek Kenny, some great raffle prizes, and the very best Chili on the planet! We also had info tables provided by the Butte County Firesafe Council, Cohasset Volunteer Fire Dept. and our newest Cohasset Business; Chico Off-Road Adventures. And a special appearance of “Harry, the Preparedness Hare”.

Chili contestants included: Nikki Rogers and her Chili Crew, Dana Silver, Sherry Slaton (2 kinds!), Barb Wright, Lara Conkey-Wiebelhaus, 4H Hillbilly Chili, and the January’s Chili Crew. These folks made it happen!

Prize winners are as follows:

First Place– Dana Silver

Best Vegetarian Chili– Lara Conkey-Wiebelhaus

People’s Choice– Cohasset 4-H

Thanks to all the Volunteers and Community who made this event so great!



Best Vegetarian Chili–  
Lara Conkey Wiebelhaus



First Place Winner Dana Silver



Harry and the Kids

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**Butte County Firesafe Crew Rocks Cohasset!**

It would be really hard to **not** notice all the fire prevention work going on up here by the FireSafe Council Crew. So far this year they have cleared combustibles from 27 residences (76 acres) and 201 acres of roadways. We are so grateful for the work being done by **Jim Houtman, Jeff Gould, Mic McRay** and his awesome crew! Just this year they have accomplished more than we could have done in 10! Jim is encouraging more people to sign up because more funding is on the way. Thanks Guys!!



Mic McRay giving instructions on thinning and clearing Editor's property on Cohasset Road

**Cohasset VFD Welcomes New Member**

We are very excited to hear that the Volunteer Fire Dept. now has 4 members, with the addition of **Spencer Waelbrock**. You too can join this awesome crew— just look for the recruitment information coming out in August.

The CCA is looking for a **Hospitality Coordinator**. Do you like to organize and throw dinners, parties or events? We would love to expand our community activities to include monthly potlucks, member events and presentations. Of course the pay is in smiles and good karma... Contact a board member if interested!

**FM Alert Devices are Arriving!**

The rollout has been slow, but now there is hope that these early warning devices will be here for fire season. They broadcast emergency information through an FM signal. If you haven't ordered one yet, call (530) 552-6887



**Playground Update!**

We are very pleased to announce that the North Valley Community Foundation grant proposal was approved for \$8500 to go to our playground fund! We are very grateful to the NVCF and ButteStrong, for supporting the community of Cohasset because of the many benefits of a playground.

We also want to inform the Cohasset Community, that the **Chico Unified School District is planning to remove the playground equipment from the Cohasset School**. Years of neglect and vandalism have created a

liability issue that they no longer wish to be subject to. The good news is that they want to give it to the CCA. We will be looking at what equipment is serviceable, and areas on the the back half of the CCA property that can be levelled and utilized.



## Cohasset Welcomes New Homeowners!

This spring has seen a lot of activity in the Cohasset real estate market, and we would like to put out a big WELCOME to our newest Cohassians!

Terra Hill  
Via De La Cruz Way

Daniel & Heather Figaratto  
Harvey Rd.

David & Kelly Matthews  
Wood Haven Dr.

Oliverio Valencia & Sonya Carrazco  
Hollow Oak Drive

Steven Funes & Faith Dawson  
Mann & Nolta Blvd.

Sunny Carroll  
Cohasset Rd

## Bingo Nites!

**May 14 & June 11 at the CCA!** Come test your luck and win. Or NOT. You're bound to have a good time, and Nicole is a wonderful Host!

## Mountain Music!!

Great music, pizza and cold drinks once a month at the CCA! Open Mic hosted by Kenny and the Stumpjumpers. Join us every third Saturday (**May 21 & June 18**) for one of the best parties in Butte County!  
6PM-10PM



## Horseshoes!

This month horseshoes will be the same night as Mountain Music!! Come on out to the back half on **May 21**, for some Horseshoe slingin! Games are run by Shaunacy and Jobe, and all are welcome!

## A BIT OF TRIVIA

**Did you know that in California, a 1500 sq. foot lawn requires approximately 40,000 gallons of water per year?**

## CCA Elections June 9

**H**ave you ever thought about serving on the **CCA Board**? The CCA Board has a immediate need for Cohasset folks who would like to serve the community through their special talents. The board does its' best to keep things interesting up here, by planning and holding events, fundraising and making improvements to our community center.

We have an annual election of Officers and Board Members, which will take place Thursday, June 9, at 5:00 PM at the CCA. Ballots will be available in the next newsletter and on FaceBook. You must be a member to vote.

All positions are open for nomination. They are: President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer. There are also Two-year and One-year board member positions available. If you are currently a member of the CCA, you can nominate yourself or a friend (or both!). All you have to do is contact any of our current board members or officers (info on pg. 4), to be placed on the ballot.

And if you are not a member yet, we can get you signed up.

*"The best way  
to find yourself  
is to lose  
yourself in the  
service of  
others"*  
**Gandhi**

Cohasset 4-H has had a really busy month. The Soup Sale, the Chili Cook Off and the animal projects have really kept us hopping. May and June are will to have lots going on as well.

First of all, a big thank you to all who attended our Soup Sale on April 10. We were so happy to see so many community members come out to support us. Thanks to all the 4-H families who made the delicious soups. Also, thank you to Lara Conkey-Wiebelhaus, a former leader, for making her Hungarian Mushroom soup. It is always a big hit and is the first to sell out every year. We made enough money on the event to fund our activities for the rest of our program year.



We were very pleased to be able to give back to our community by entering the Chili Cook Off on April 30. We chose a theme of "Hill Billy Chili" and decorated our booth

as a mountain cabin festooned with Chile lights and chiles hand drawn by our members. Everyone dressed in their best hill billy outfits to complete the look. Our booth won the prize as the Most Enthusiastic booth for our decorations and our cheerful servers.



The cooking project under the direction of Heather Lingemann made the chili. They pieced together some recipes and made a special Three Chile Chili. It had three kinds of chiles, three kinds of beans, three kinds of meat, and three kinds of tomatoes. We all thought it was delicious, and many of the chili tasters agreed. We also won the People's Choice Award for the most popular chili.

Thanks to everyone who chose our entry as their favorite. A big thank you to Candace Erickson for organizing the event and for putting to-

gether the awesome prize baskets. I'm proud of all our members for their hard work in making the chili, putting together the booth and tearing it down after the event, as well as serving chili all day.

We are heading towards the end of our program year. Next up is a little 5 de mayo celebration at the end of our May club meeting. The Pocock kids are all ready to show and auction their rabbits at the Silver Dollar Fair. Kris Huff is showing and auctioning her pig as well. You can watch the members show their animals on May 25, with swine starting at 9 a.m. and Rabbits at 5 p.m. The Junior Livestock Auction will be Saturday, May 28. Contact the Silver Dollar Fair to sign up if you would like to participate as a buyer.

We have tentatively scheduled our End of Year celebration for June 11. The members will be receiving their stripes and pins for their year's participation followed by a BBQ.

Butte County 4-H will be holding its Summer Camp on June 26-30. Some of our members will be attending as counselors and some as participants. They are all looking forward to a good time.

We will be taking the summer off and will be starting up again with our first Community Club meeting on Sept. 7. Our membership is open to all school age children. We would like to encourage every Cohasset family to consider joining.



We have fun projects, special events, and leadership opportunities. It is also an excellent way for kids to meet other kids on the hill.



# May

2022

SUNDAY      MONDAY      TUESDAY      WEDNESDAY      THURSDAY      FRIDAY      SATURDAY

1 9:30 AM Yoga (CCA) 10 AM Cohasset Church	2	3 Yoga 6:30	4 4-H 6:30 PM	5	6 Tai Chi Class 9AM	7 Cemetery Cleanup 9AM Cohasset Cupboard 12PM
8 <b>Mothers Day</b> 9:30 AM Yoga (CCA) 10 AM Cohasset Church	9	10 Yoga 6:30	11 Commodities I I AM Brew Club 7PM	12 CCA Board Mtg. 5:30 PM	13 Tai Chi Class 9AM	14 Bingo! 7 PM
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22 9:30 AM Yoga (CCA) 10 AM Cohasset Church	23	24 Yoga 6:30	25	26	27 Tai Chi Class 9AM	28
29 9:30 AM Yoga (CCA) 10 AM Cohasset Church	30 <b>Memorial Day</b>	31 Yoga 6:30				



# June

2022

SUNDAY      MONDAY      TUESDAY      WEDNESDAY      THURSDAY      FRIDAY      SATURDAY

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## Cohasset Fire Safe Council Is Back!!!



With COVID restrictions easing up, the Cohasset Fire safe Council will have its first meeting on Wednesday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, at 6pm, at the CCA building. This is a reorganizational meeting. We are looking for input from the community. Where do you think our community needs help? Who would you like to hear from for future speakers? What do you need help with to make your property more fire safe? This meeting is open to all Cohasset residents.

The Cohasset Fire Safe Council (CFSC) is under reorganization. Kathy Lawson will be heading this new and improved CFSC. The CFSC will be working with Jan Lee and Trish Puterbaugh to help maintain Cohasset's "Firewise" status. We'll be working with Maggie Krehbiel to promote the Cohasset Radio Club, in hopes of improving communication on the Cohasset Ridge in the event of fire or other emergency. We will also be working in conjunction with the Butte County Fire Safe Council, with Ron Ward representing our community on that council. We will continue to work with CALFire, the Butte County Sheriff's Office, Highway Patrol, and Butte County Office of Emergency Services.

Our goal is to help prepare the people of Cohasset to protect their property from fire, to prepare our residents for evacuation, and (heaven forbid) how to shelter in place if there is no way to get out.

We have a logo. Thank you, Nicole Reagan! We have a mascot, Harey, The Prepared Hare. One of our goals is to involve the children of our community. We want to help them to understand the need to prepare for fires on our ridge, and what to do if there is a fire.

I hope to see all of you at the May meeting. If you can't make that meeting, please join us any 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month at 6pm at the CCA. We value your input, and want to see our community ready for any fire, big or small.

The Cohasset Fire Safe Council is made possible through the Cohasset Community Association (CCA). I would like to encourage all Cohasset residents to join the CCA. The CFSC is only one of the services provided by the CCA.

If you have any questions, I can be reached at 530-343-1479.

Kathy Lawson

## From Ishi to Maple Creek Ranch: A Local Perspective on the History of Cohasset, California - Part 3

by Amy Huberland

Part 3 of the Cohasset story will focus on the early permanent residents of Cohasset, including the first schools established in the area as well as homesteading, farming, and the apple industry.

Cohasset's first elementary school, known as North Point, was built on Lower Vilas Road and the school district was formed in 1878. Ten years later a second school, Grafton, was established near the junction of Cohasset and Mud Creek roads. Located at a lower elevation, North Point was used as the "winter" school and Grafton served as the "summer" school for Cohasset students.



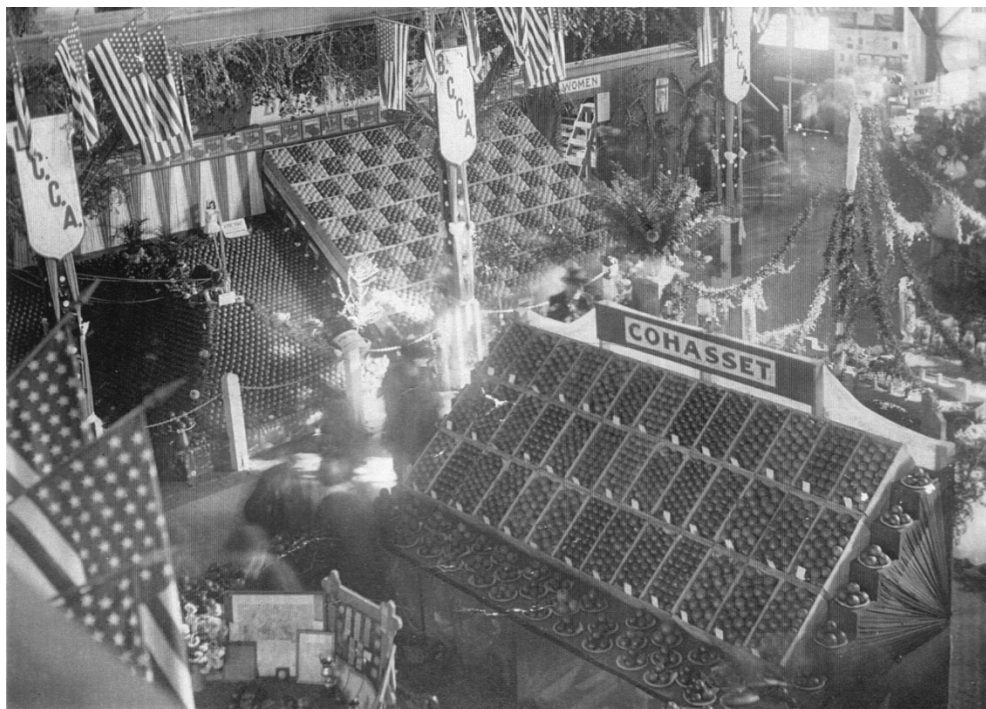
***Grafton School, circa 1910***

*A Historical Geography of Cohasset Ridge* lists all the Cohasset school teachers and interestingly, it appears that North Point was holding classes as early as 1881, with Mary L. Blake named as the teacher at that time. At Grafton School, the largest numbers of students (30) are listed for 1894, with A.G. Garrison being the teacher. Both the North Point and Grafton schools closed around 1921 and were replaced by the Cohasset Union School, which will be described in Part 4 of this series. Wife of early pioneer Samuel Sorenson and grandmother to Cohasset resident Donna Hall, Lillie Sorenson, pictured here with her bicycle, taught school in Cohasset from 1916 until 1938.



***Lillie Sorenson***

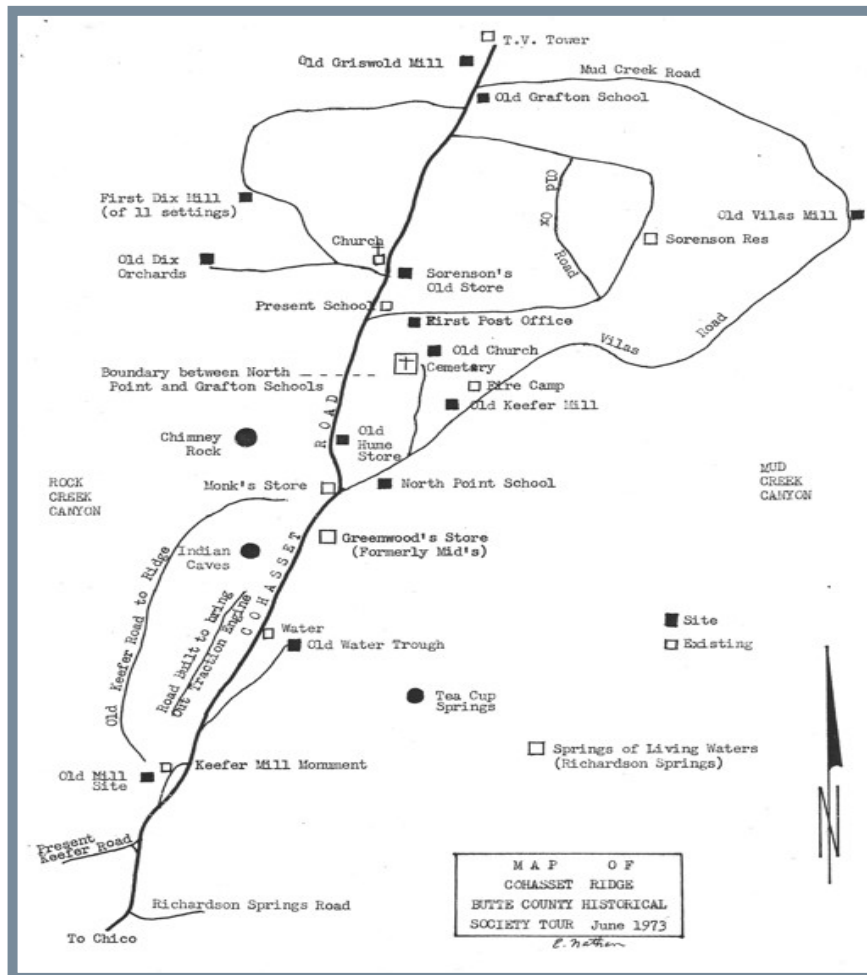
By the 1880s, Cohasset had become a thriving rural community and was known for its excellent quality crisp apples, which won medals in the 1904 St. Louis Universal Exposition. Growers with large acreages, including the Griswold, Dix, Hartt, and Polk families, raised many tons of apples annually. Varieties grown in Cohasset included Arkansas Black, Winesap, Banana, Rome Beauty, Delicious, Yellow Pippin, Yellow Newton, and Ben Davis.



***Cohasset Apples on Display, Butte County Fair***

A large cooperative packing shed was built and operated for many years near what is now the intersection of Cohasset and Vilas roads. While Cohasset apples were advertised as being non-irrigated, the large producers cultivated their orchards using a dry farming technique to conserve soil moisture. Pesticides were not used, and growers believed that the periodic burning of brush and undergrowth kept insects at bay.

The next photo is an overview of the Dix orchard, at an elevation of 3000 feet, taken around 1914. In those days the early Cohasset farmers would literally cut down 50 or more acres of timberland to plant apples. However, within 100 years, the forest has completely taken back over, and these historic orchards are virtually invisible now. Commodore Dix, who purchased this property in 1909, entered 16 varieties of apples at an exhibition in Watsonville in 1911. He won 13 gold medals, attaining the best record for high quality apples of any county in the state.



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