



Cohasset Community Association

NEWSLETTER

November-December 2021

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Happy Holidays!



Halloween Carnival 2021!

The Halloween carnival was a huge hit in Cohasset! Cakes were walked for, costumes and trunks won prizes, not a candy bag was empty; truly a fun day. This year at our annual Halloween carnival, we saw an amazing turnout. All ages of folks showed up dressed to impress and celebrate. We had a Trunk-or-Treat contest that brought some tough competition. Trunks posted up with spooky decor to greet our youngsters with some really thoughtful treats. Our selection for the cake walk turned out phenomenal. Winners got to pick from some of the most creative cakes Cohasset has seen yet. We even had cupcakes for everyone to put their own twist on and decorate themselves. The selection of games was enjoyed by all ages, some with prizes and some just for fun. We had an incredible photo op set up where people got to bring their memories home with them. The

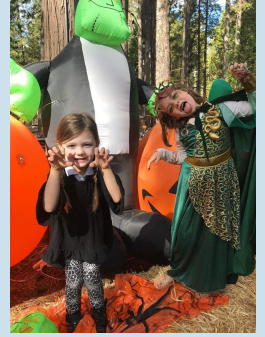
costume contests brought out some competition that was so hard on the judges! We gave out some awesome gift cards and prizes to the winners for all of their dedication. We had more sugary snacks than we could handle and topped it off with some yummy nachos and hot dogs. All in all, it was a truly wonderful day in Cohasset. Seeing everyone that came out was such a breath of fresh fall air. Thank you to everyone who contributed to making this tradition come alive and live on.

A huge shoutout goes to ALL off the volunteers that made this happen. Members from the community came together to serve food, run games and crafts, donate cakes and even clean up. Hope to see everyone next year!

-Nicole Regan



Halloween Carnival



November-December CCA Events

Events!

Turkey Bingo!
November 20
7 pm

Christmas Childrens Store
Sunday, December 12, 11-2

Clubs!

Tai Chi- Sundays at 1pm

Cohasset Brew Club- 2nd Wednesdays at 7pm

Yoga- Sunday at 9:30 am
Tues. at 6:00

Groups!

GRMS Radio Group- Wednesday's at 7pm

Commodities- 2nd Wednesday's 11am-1pm

Cohasset Cupboard 1st Sat 12-2pm

4-H- 1st Wednesday 6:30-7:30 pm

CCA Board Meetings- 2nd Thursday at 5:30pm

Bingo Update!

Bingo in October didn't disappoint! We had some costumed contestants that really came with their heart on the prize. Some players even casually came dressed as the cozy Cohassians they are. Playing along some spooky characters, the rounds got tougher and tougher. The finale of the night was the three-way BINGO win for our blackout round.



This month in November we will be doing the infamous **Turkey Bingo!** One of the bingo winners will get to take home a big ol' frozen turkey in time for Thanksgiving. Scheduled for November 20th, mark your calendars for your shot to yell out "BINGO!"

Mountain Music Grand Finale!

Saturday, October 18th was the final Mountain Music event of the year. And it was grand! Over 100 people showed up for the festivities on the most beautiful night of the year! Kenny and the boys did a fine job of entertaining the crowd with a special appearance of our CCA president for a few numbers.

The younger ones were entertained by the CCA big screen inside, and Berenice and crew served up a bunch of pizza. A big thanks to Kenny, our musicians, pizza people and Gary Lee for roasting the dogs. It was a fabulous season, and your community loves you!!



Disk Golf at the CCA!

On October 22, the CCA hosted its first disk golf training session, put on by our very own Kristine King! Kristine is the four-time Nor-Cal Disk Golf Champion, and brought her expertise to the event, along with baskets, free disks for the kids, and some great friends to help out! The session included a kids course and an easy adult course for the newbies (like me:).

We want to thank Kristine for putting this on, and more sessions will be coming up, weather permitting.



Cohasset 4-H Report

Cohasset 4-H is very glad to be back in business after a year and a half of COVID restrictions that limited our ability to have in person meetings. We are now offering a full set of activities and projects, however we will still have some COVID safety precautions in place.

Some of our projects have gotten underway, with Arts and Crafts, Cooking, and Metal Crafts about to have their second meetings. Rabbits and Swine will be picking up soon as we get closer to fair time.

We held our first fundraiser, a Flea Market, on Sept. 25th. Thanks to all the

vendors who came out to support us. Shoppers got some really great deals on a lot of cool stuff. We hope to have another Flea Market in early summer.

Our next big activity is the Cohasset Children's Christmas Store, scheduled for Sunday, Dec. 12th, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. We are looking forward to again welcoming our little shoppers, buying presents for friends and family.

It is never too late to join. However, if a new member wants to take an animal to the fair, they need to be fully enrolled by the middle of November. The annual membership fee is \$65. Please contact Susana at 530 893-0109 for more information.



Christmas Children's Store Sunday, December 12, 11-2p.m.

The Cohasset 4-H is pleased to be able to sponsor the Cohasset Children's Christmas Store again this year after a year off. All young people are invited to shop for gently used donated items at very reasonable prices. The 4-H group will be collecting donations during this month. We could especially use toys, and gifts for men, such as tools, BBQ accessories, sports equipment, sports logo stuff, as well house wares. No used

clothes, please.

There will be some changes to the event to satisfy COVID safety requirements. All shoppers will be required to wear masks indoors. We are hoping to be able to offer gift -wrapping outside, if the weather cooperates. We will still have an outside area for parents to wait, with complimentary warm drinks and snacks.



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Fall CCA Building & Grounds Improvements

- ◆ Three more picnic tables constructed & painted
- ◆ Horseshoe Hovel repaired
- ◆ Solar lights installed in front of building
- ◆ New split rail fence next to Grunt Shed
- ◆ 270' of string lights installed in front and back of building
- ◆ Flood lights installed in back of building
- ◆ 3 picnic tables to Horseshoe area
- ◆ CCA roof repaired and painted

Rent the CCA for Your Next Event!

The CCA building and grounds are available to rent! It has been used for weddings, memorial services and other private gatherings. Also, members are encouraged to host classes in the building for Cohasset residents as well.

For more information about reserving the building, please contact Susana at (530) 893-0109.

What Membership Means

If you are wondering where your membership dollars are going, consider the following:

1. The CCA provides the community of Cohasset a safe place to get together for free community activities, including classes, clubs and concerts.

2. The CCA has a wonderful community center available to members to rent at a nominal fee.

3. The CCA board is committed maintaining and upgrading our facility, grounds and equipment.

4. The CCA supplies free WIFI all around the outside of the CCA building.

5. We are the official "Voice of Cohasset". We liaison with CDF, CalFire, CHP and other government agencies.



Renew your Membership or Join the CCA Today!

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Your membership is completely Tax Deductable! Membership is good until July '22. Please make checks payable to CCA and send to: CCA #11 Maple Creek Ranch Rd., Cohasset, CA 95973 or drop in the CCA mailbox.

Re-Districting Cohasset

I have spent the last week trying to verify all the impact that the redistricting will have on our community. Here is what I have found out. I went to the people in charge of funding and asked as many questions as I could think of. You are more than welcome to continue investigating on your own.

First, to address funding. Based on all of the people I spoke with at the Fire Safe Council and the County, the Hazard Mitigation funding and funding for W.U.I.'s (Wildland Urban Interface) are determined by our classification from the State of California and not by our County District. Therefore that funding would not be impacted.

Now as to our representation as determined by our District. Being included with other Foothill/Mountain communities makes sure that the person representing us has a significant interest in our unique problems and necessary funding. If Cohasset is the only Foothill/Mountain community that a particular Supervisor has, that will probably put our Community last in importance.

If a Supervisor has 95%-99% Agricultural areas, or 95-99% Urban/City constituents, how much time, knowledge and interest will they have with 1-5% of their citizens that they represent? In reality, I'm guessing they just won't

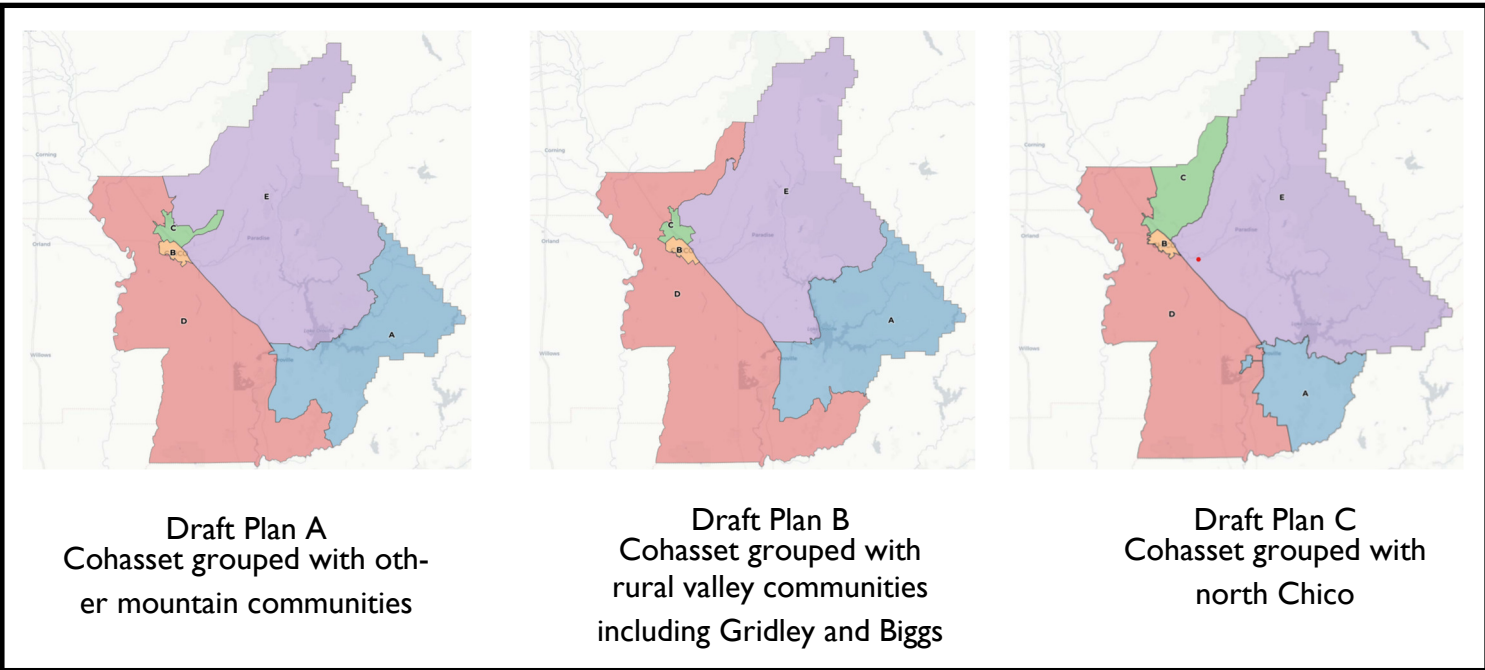
have the time to devote to representing us. Therefore, we have a Supervisor on paper, but not in reality.

So, as of the now, with the 3 maps that are being considered, Map A is the ONLY one, in my estimation, that works. It gives us a Supervisor that has the time and knowledge, coupled with having to live in our type of community, to understand and fight for our needs. This is the Map that Tami Ritter, our current Supervisor, is supporting of the three being proposed.

If another Map is considered which has at least one or two more similar areas, like our current district has – which includes Butte Meadows and Forest Ranch, then we stand a better shot at having some representation.

Hopefully, this helps to clarify how the redistricting can affect us. We do have an excellent representative on the Butte County Fire Safe Council with Trish Puterbaugh. It would be nice and helpful to have a Supervisor representing us for the next ten years that also is intimately aware of our unique issues.

Thanks,
Maggie Krehbiel
Chair, Cohasset Emergency Preparedness Committee/Fire Safe Council



Draft Plan A
Cohasset grouped with other mountain communities

Draft Plan B
Cohasset grouped with rural valley communities including Gridley and Biggs

Draft Plan C
Cohasset grouped with north Chico

Holiday Recipes

From the Cohasset Cookbook Vol. I



BREAKFASTS & BRUNCHES

MIKKI'S BUTTERMILK COFFEE CAKE

2½ Cups Flour	½ Cup Chopped Walnuts
½ tsp. Salt	1¼ tsp. Cinnamon
½ tsp. Cinnamon	1 tsp. Baking Soda
1 Cup Brown Sugar	1 tsp. Baking Powder
¾ Cup Granulated Sugar	1 Egg
¼ C Salad Oil	1 Cup Buttermilk

Preheat oven to 350°.

In a medium-sized bowl, mix together the flour, salt, the ½ tsp. cinnamon, brown sugar, granulated sugar and salad oil. Beat with electric mixer on medium speed until well blended. Remove ¾ cup of this mixture for the topping and blend into it the nuts and the 1¼ tsp. cinnamon. Set aside.

To the remaining mixture, add baking soda, baking powder, eggs and buttermilk. Blend until smooth. Pour mixture into a greased 9" x 13" baking pan. Smooth the top with the back of a spoon. Evenly spoon the reserved topping over the batter and lightly press it in with the back of a spoon.

Bake at 350° for 25 to 30 minutes. (Coffee cake is done when wooden toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean.) Cut into squares and serve warm.

Submitted by Mikki Ashe



SOUPS

SOPA DE TOBINO

This recipe was handed down to me by my ancient Mexican Grandmother, Susana.

You need a cast iron frying pan (10" or so) preferably with a lid.
 ¼ Cup (or less) Oil (any kind, except motor)
 1 Package Fideo Noodles (crushed)
 ¼ Cup (or so) Onions, minced
 (You can also throw in minced peppers)
 ¼ Cup Diced Tomatoes or Salsa
 2 Cups Chicken or Vegetable Broth
 Grated Cheese (any kind)



Fry onions and noodles golden brown in oil. Add tomatoes or salsa, stir and cook for a minute or so. Add broth, stir and cook a few minutes. Sprinkle grated cheese on top, cover and put in oven on very low heat for ½ hour or so, or put on trivet on wood stove (during winter) where it will be hot and ready to eat when you're hungry.

Submitted by Patrick Tobin



BREADS & ROLLS

INDIAN FRY BREAD

4 tsp. Honey
3 Tbsp. Oil
1 Tbsp. Salt
2 Cups Hot Water
1 Tbsp. Active Dry Yeast
3 Cups Unbleached White Flour
2 tsp. Baking Powder
2-4 Cups Additional Flour



Mix together honey, oil, salt and stir in hot water. Mix well. Sprinkle yeast on top. Cover with cloth and allow to stand about 10 minutes or until yeast bubbles. Add flour and baking powder until mixture is firm and cleans the hands. Use 2-4 cups flour for this step. Place in a greased bowl and turn over to grease the top. Cover and allow to rise to double volume (about 1 hour). Punch down and divide in half then each half into 8 parts. Form into balls and permit to rise until ready to cook.

Heat fat to frying temperature. Flatten ball with hands and stretch very thin (about 6" to 8" in diameter). Drop into hot fat about 1½ minutes on each side. Drain on paper towel. Serve with honey or powdered sugar. May be served with beans or hamburger or salad.

Submitted by Charlotte Roach



MAIN DISHES

ALICE'S FAMOUS BEEF POT ROAST

I have been making this recipe for well over 30 years and it is always a favorite.

4-lb. Beef Pot Roast	½ tsp. Caraway Seeds
1 Tbsp. Fat	2 Tbsp. Brown Sugar
Salt	¼ Cup Vinegar
Pepper	1 Cup Water
1 Cup Onion, sliced	¼ tsp. Marjoram
1 Bay Leaf	3 Tart Cooking Apples, cored and quartered

Melt the fat in a heavy kettle and brown meat well on both sides. Season with salt and pepper. Place a rack under the meat. Add sliced onion, bay leaf, caraway seeds, brown sugar, vinegar, water and marjoram. Cover and cook over low heat for 2½ to 3 hours or until tender. Add quartered apples during the last 20 minutes of cooking.

Place roast on a large serving platter and top with onion rings. Arrange cooked apples around edge of platter.

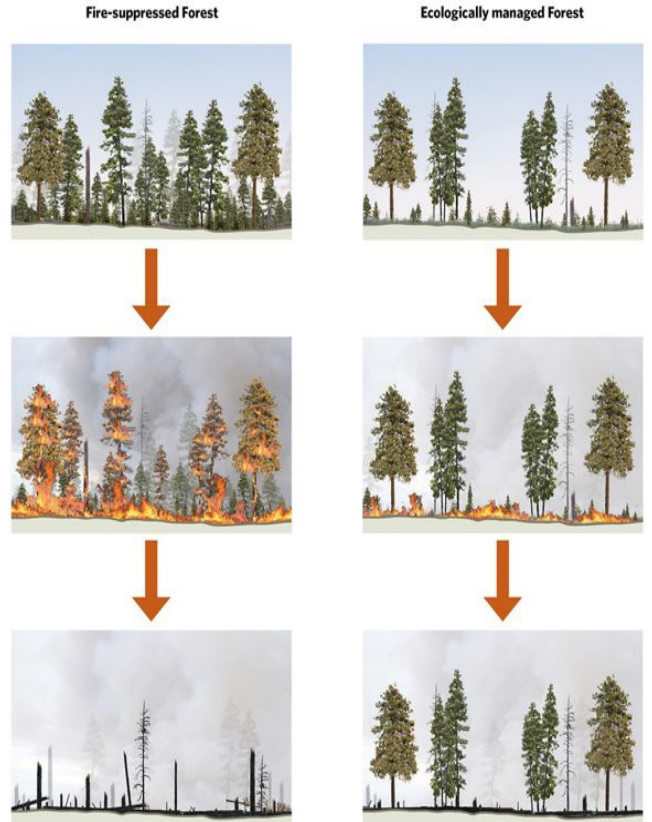
Makes 8 to 10 servings.

Submitted by Alice Clements

As fire season ends, let the burning season begin!

The wonderful October rains put an end to our fire season and provided some much-needed relief to our community, which has been on edge for many months! Now with the cooler weather and recent rain, we can now get our saws runnin' and piles burnin'! The chipper program is going strong, and burn permits are available too.

And for all you tree lovers (and huggers) out there, remember that you can rebuild your house but you can't rebuild a burned up tree. So love your trees, and keep them safe from destruction by eliminating ladder fuels, and getting rid of the duff that's been accumulating for decades.



Prescribed Burning

The Butte County Prescribed Burn Association (part of the Butte County Resource Conservation District) has been actively working with landowners in Forest Ranch (21 acres in 2021) and they would like to expand into Cohasset - coordinating community burns.

Some of their services include

- ◆ Connecting neighbors who can help you burn
- ◆ Permits
- ◆ A trailer full of burn tools
- ◆ Training opportunities
- ◆ Scheduling of work parties, tours and workshops

From their website:

"Burning your own lands is legal and it has many benefits for your livestock, for wildlife habitat, and for your family's safety. It's your right as a landowner. If you need help getting that first burn pulled together, the RCD is here to make it easier for you. Because if more people in Butte County knew how to burn their lands and did it regularly, we'd all be safer and better off."



Two Cal-Fire crew members assist in a controlled burn.

Butte County CAL-TREX

On November 5th and 6th, over 90 people spent the weekend participating in the CAL-TREX training session at the Butte County Ecological Preserve, which is located in the canyon below Forest Ranch. Kate and I were invited to represent the CCA board, and to gather information from this event going on at the bottom of the Musty Buck ridge, just below Cohasset. Attendees included representatives from many state, county and local agencies, colleges, members of the Mechoopda Tribe, and landowners, all seeking knowledge of the practice of controlled burning.



Welcome message around the fire, led by a member of the Mechoopda Tribe.

More about this from their web site:

“Prescribed Fire Training Exchanges (TREX) and cooperative burns provide experiential training that builds robust local capacity for fire management and offers professional fire practitioners a



Safety Briefing led by Brian Pope, Safety Officer. Covid 19 was the number one casualty among firefighters in 2021.

more holistic perspective—while implementing treatments that support community and landscape objectives. The TREX strategy does what no one else is doing: it provides a cooperative burning model that services the needs of diverse entities, including federal and state agencies, private landowners and contractors, tribes, academics and international partners—while incorporating local values and issues to build the right kinds of capacity in the right places.



Participants hiking down to the training area just above Big Chico Creek. Notice the Musty Buck Ridge in the background just below Cohasset.

The key focus of TREX is promoting the spread of effective cooperative burning—helping diverse partners leverage skills, resources and staff in ways that maximize opportunities for outreach, treatment and training.



Training also included familiarization of engines and hose lays as part of the strategy for conducting safe, controlled burns.



Small group participants of a mock fire training session, focusing on the use of torches and techniques for conducting a safe and controlled burn.

TREX works on this at the local level, but also supports nationwide coaching and training to advance prescribed fire capacity and training at a larger scale through the TREX Coaches Network, which coalesced in 2016 around a core of committed TREX organizers and leaders.

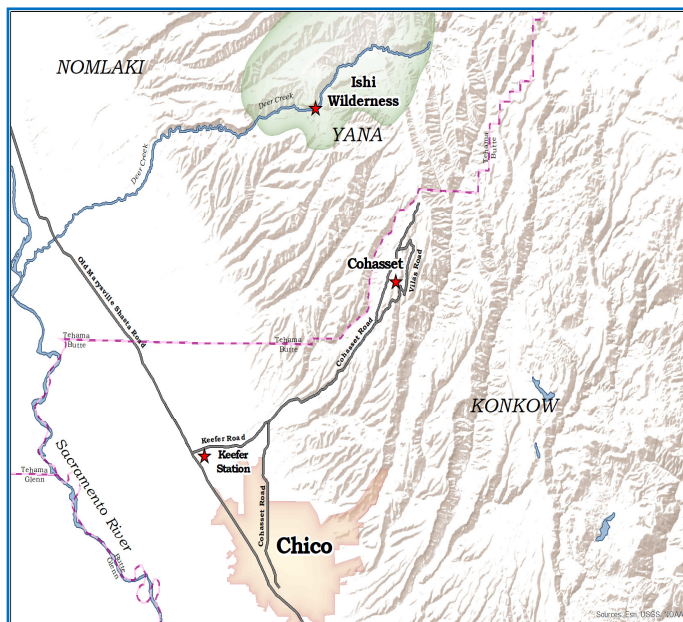
This network is dramatically expanding the reach of the TREX strategy by mentoring and linking practitioners who are in—and moving into—leadership roles.”

-Dan Holmes

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

by Amy Huberland

This four-part article will focus on the history of the town of Cohasset, beginning with the first Native American people living in the area, the subsequent Euro-American settlers, and covering the development of the community up to the present time. As a 30-year Cohasset resident and (now retired) archaeologist, I have been honored to work with the Cohasset historical group which, since the early 1990s, has been researching Cohasset history, collected historical photographs, interviewed locals, and even published for general circulation, several Chico State Master's theses. These publications include one by Elroy Nathan titled *A Historical Geography of Cohasset Ridge*, and the second by Kathleen Gabriel, titled *James Lawrence Keefer, an Ethnohistory of a Butte County Pioneer*. Keefer held land north of Chico along the old Marysville-Shasta Road (now Highway 99) and was one of the first settlers to exploit the timber resources of what is now known as Cohasset Ridge (see below).



While the foothills to the south of Cohasset are within the Sierra Nevada Mountain Range, Cohasset marks the boundary between those mountains and the Cascade Range, and also appears to have been a tribal boundary between the Konkow Maidu to the South and the Yana whose territory included the foothill region along Deer and Mill creeks. Deer Creek, which can be accessed from Cohasset via Ponderosa Way, was located within Yahi Yana territory.

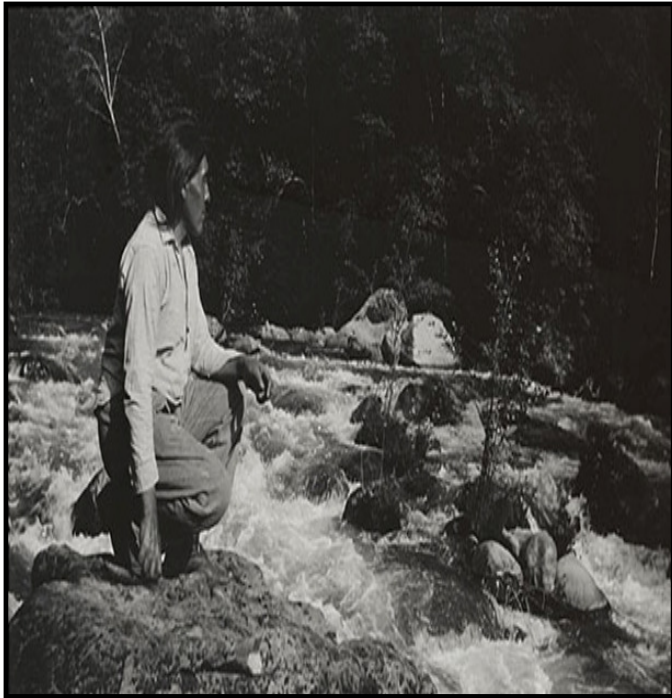
Most of you are familiar with the area as being legendary for the person known as Ishi who lived most of his life along Deer Creek and survived into the historic period by hiding out in the very rugged foothills along that drainage. During his last years along Deer Creek, he lived with a few family members in a remote area called Bear's Hiding Place.

While Ishi was still living in hiding in the foothills, one of the early settlers in the area, Elijah Graham, built a cabin along Deer Creek in what is now known as the Ishi Wilderness. In the 1880s and 1890s, Graham lived there alone, raising hogs, horses, and garden vegetables. When he left his homestead to resupply in Cohasset and Chico, his hogs were sometimes raided by the last small groups of Indians still living in the wilds of the Cascade foothills. This is a picture of his cabin in 1948. Now, the remains of his homestead are barely visible on the ground, the rocks having been moved and much of the lumber either deteriorated or collected by campers.



In the mid-1880s it was common for Indians in the Deer Creek foothills to raid camps and cabins for supplies, sheep, cattle, hogs, and whatever was available, particularly in the early spring, when food was scarce. Native populations, depleted in numbers, and hemmed in by and living in fear of white settlers, probably confronted starvation

every year. In 1911, Ishi was discovered near Oroville, and eventually moved to San Francisco, where Anthropologists Alfred Kroeber and TT Waterman befriended him and learned much about his culture. They even returned with Ishi to Deer Creek, where he showed them village sites and demonstrated his technologies for surviving in the wild (see below).



In 1974, a group of CSU Chico students and community members organized the Northstate Wilderness Committee to protect potential

wilderness areas on the Lassen National Forest. The committee worked closely with local residents and organizations such as the Sierra Club in promoting wilderness protection for the Ishi country. In 1984, these efforts came to fruition when Congress passed the California Wilderness Act. The Act protected the 41,000 acre Ishi Wilderness for the enjoyment of present and future generations. Establishment of the Wilderness also helped safeguard its outstanding Native American cultural resources and its unique foothill ecosystem, as well as memorializing the story of Ishi of the Yahi-Yana tribe.

-Amy Huberland



And....a final message from the CCA

As the anniversary of the tragic Camp Fire approaches, the CCA wishes to acknowledge the survivors who relocated to our ridge. We all hope that you have found peace and a sense of belonging here in Cohasset, as we all share a kindred spirit in our love of living in the tranquility of the mountains. Our community association welcomes you regardless of whether you are a member or not, and our events are open to everyone. We hope that you will join us in the many events that we hold at the CCA. There are lots of wonderful, friendly folks up here who would like to get to know you!

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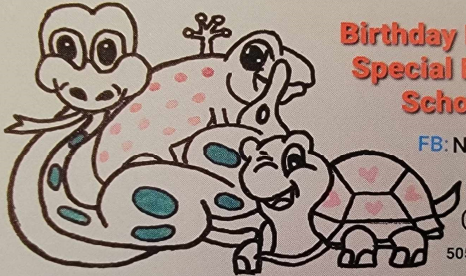
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