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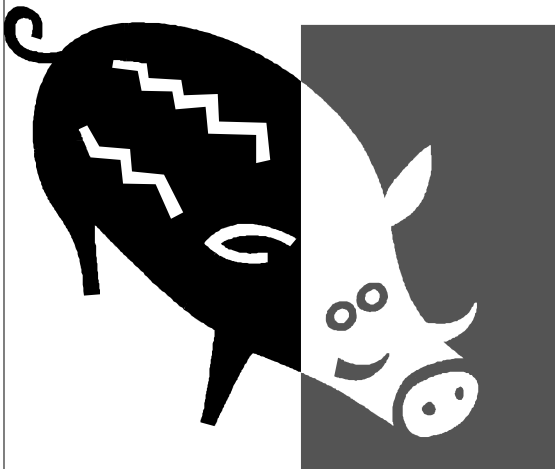
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Wild Pigs in Cohasset



I lived in the Carmel area for a few years and often hiked and hunted in the area where the original wild boar was introduced and subsequently hybridized with the feral hog. I came to admire wild pigs' strength and intelligence.

Wild pigs are a mix of feral hogs (domestic swine that have escaped captivity) and wild boar. Wild boar and feral hogs hybridize freely, so the term wild pig is used in California. Wild boar are native to Europe and Asia. They were released in California in the 1920s in Monterey County to interbreed with a large population of feral hogs which had been also released in California as early as the 1700s.

Wild pigs, like domestic hogs, may be any color. Their size and their general appearance depend on the breed, degree of hybridization with wild boar, and level of nutrition during their growing period. Wild boar have longer legs and larger heads with longer snouts than feral hogs. The color of a young boar is gener-

ally reddish brown with black longitudinal "watermelon" stripes. As the piglets develop, their stripes begin to disappear and the red changes to brown and finally to black. Both the male feral hog and wild boar have continuously growing tusks. They're razor sharp and can be several inches in length.

At least 56 out of the 58 counties in California have populations of wild pigs in them, although the largest populations are found in the coastal counties from Humboldt to Santa Barbara. Are there wild pigs in the Cohasset area? Several long-time residents have seen pigs here, but not recently. Just north of us, Tehama County has one of the largest populations of wild pigs in California. Since pigs don't recognize county boundaries, I suspect they're around but are staying out of sight. I often fish at Deer Creek in the Ishi Wilderness Area and have not seen any signs of them, but who knows?

They're very adaptable. Tidal marshes to mountain ranges are suitable for wild pigs. But they do prefer cover of dense brush or marsh vegetation and are generally found below the snowline (above freezing temperatures) during the winter. Sounds like the Cohasset area doesn't it? Most of the Central Valley from Colusa County south is not pig habitat.

Wild pigs will eat anything that has food value. They may feed on underground vegetation during periods of wet weather or in areas near streams and underground springs. Acorns, when available, make up a good portion of their diet. Wild pigs can and do cause a variety of damage. Most common is rooting

(sometimes called grubbing). Rooting in wet or irrigated soil is generally quite visible, but can vary from an area of several hundred square feet or more to only a few small spots where the ground has been turned over. Squirrels can cause similar damage in small spots when digging up underground mushrooms.

Wild pigs are very intelligent animals and readily adapt to changing conditions. Domestic hogs are considered to be the smartest barnyard animal (sorry horse lovers).

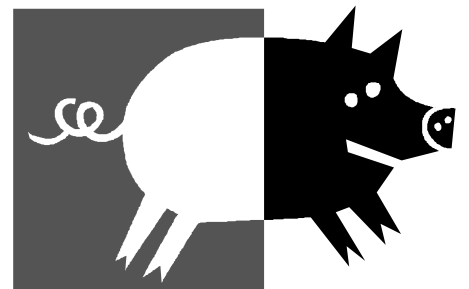
The wild pig is the most prolific large wild mammal in North America, because given adequate nutrition; a wild pig population can double in just 4 months. Sows can produce 2 litters per year and young may be born at any time of the year. Litter sizes of feral hogs in northern California average 5 to 6 per sow: you figure out the math....

Deer and hogs make cow-like hoof prints, but the pads of a pig print are generally wider. Tracks of adult hogs resemble those made by a large calf.

Wild pigs are game mammals in California and are regulated by hunting seasons, so get your hunting license and tags if you plan on shooting them.

Report by Bob Tate

Researched from various sources, such as CA Dept of Fish & Game, Wikipedia.org, and California Mammals.





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CCA Newsletter

**11 Maple Creek Ranch Road
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(530) 332-9550**

April Deadline is March 11th, 2010

CCA Building

Rental Reservations

The Cohasset Community Center is available to rent for private functions. The rate is \$125 per day, and \$60 for a half-day (5 hours).

For more information, call 893-1616, email info@cohassetcommunity.org, or view the CCA rental agreement at:

<http://cohassetcommunity.org>.



CCA Home Page

What's Happening?



The long sought after and much needed non-profit status, "501(c)3," finally has been bestowed upon our Community Association by the California Secretary of State, thanks to the hard work of our attorney, Sara Knowles, of the prestigious Chico law firm of Leland, Schultz and Morrissey, LLP.

I was the 501(c)3 committee chair and took this on as my first project after filling a vacant seat on the board nearly two years ago. It's been a long road for the CCA to get this prized status that gives us access to large county, state, federal and private grant programs, as well as an ability to solicit substantial tax deductible donations for the betterment of our community.

As committee chairperson I did very little over the last year and a half except for having cold called early on to all the local law firms I knew of that excelled in non-profit re-designations. I had to endure a lot of rejection for the first few weeks, but just as I began to worry I was facing insurmountable obstacles, things suddenly got resolved in a way that far exceeded any of our initial expectations.

Serendipity played a part, and with that special unexpected fortune in play I connected with Rick Leland over a chitchat we had about sailing; as it turns out Rick had recently crewed a Lake Oroville Yacht Club race on the very same sailboat I had just acquired. Shortly thereafter, all I had to do was accept Rick's incredible offer of generosity to take on our non-profit re-designation task pro-bono. **Aargh!**

Leland, Schultz and Morrissey, LLP, has so far donated nearly \$5,000.00 in legal services, representing more hours than we could have ever afforded without their offer of help. Since then, most of the work required of the CCA, including finding 40-year-old documents, assembling hundreds of pages of other documentation, hustling on deadlines to get appropriate signatures, as well as doing all the communications with our attorney Sara Knowles, was coordinated and carried out by the CCA's treasurer and "keeper of lists," and one of my favorite people on the ridge, the always pleasant and cheerful Mayeve Tate. Please accept our sincere thanks for all your efforts on the soon to be closed *old business* of the 501(c)3 Committee. Thank you Mayeve! We couldn't have succeeded without you

Finally, on behalf of the entire Cohasset community and the CCA, I'd like to express our debt of gratitude to Sara Knowles and the community minded law firm of Leland, Schultz and Morrissey. *Mike Dufloth, Editor*

Please Renew your Membership or join the CCA Today

Check one:

- Grey Pine \$10 Ponderosa Pine \$15 Sugar Pine \$25
- White Pine \$50 Lifetime \$100 Other \$ _____

Name: _____ **Phone:** _____

Address: _____

Mail to: 11 Maple Creek Ranch Road, Cohasset, CA 95973

Checks payable to CCA or call Janice at 343-1754

Cohasset Community News



Butte County Supervisor News

by Maureen Kirk,
Butte County Supervisor, District 3

It seems like we have had a lot of rain, but we are only at average in Chico. It has been a great rain year since it comes and goes and leaves time for the ground to soak it up. I have picked plenty of daffodils, and there are many more to come. One of the great parts of my job is the beautiful drive to Oroville. I know spring is around the corner when I see the cows off Highway 99 feeding on the grass.

There have been more and more inquiries about AT&T. They generally are two things – poor service reception and “When is DSL going to come?” I have to admit that I am quite frustrated. I have called and called and also emailed. I also suggested that the External Affairs Director might write an update for the newsletter. This has been ignored. There were two fabulous letters written by Cohassians addressing the issue. One was sent to the FPPC and seemed to get Barbara’s attention. She said she would check into it. I have heard that before and have not gotten a substantive answer. I understand that there are repair guys up there almost every day. Often, there are two of them. Doesn’t it stand to reason that it would be cheaper to upgrade the system instead of fixing it all of the time? The other question is about DSL. I have not gotten a straight answer, but someone passed on that it is in the works. I would not count on it in the near future. But, it should be there at some time. Do good things happen to those who wait? Hope so.

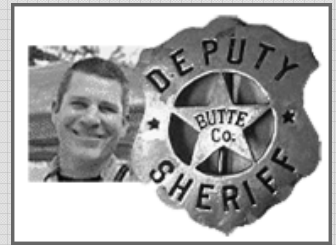
I know there is some movement to figure out how the Cohasset community can use the school. Chico Unified cannot afford to even upkeep the school at this time. Your Board has been trying to work with CUSD to figure out a viable option for all. Is there a philanthropist who would buy the school? And donate it to Cohasset? Since this is unlikely, there will be more discussions. I am ready to help at any time.

I will be doing a drive-a-long with Deputy Doug Patterson soon. We are so lucky to have him. He knows all of the streets, roads, and vacant land. He also knows what looks unusual for the Cohasset community. Let him know if you see anything that just does not seem right. He is always willing to check it out.

◆ mkirk@buttecounty.net ◆ 891-2800

Police Beat

by Butte County Sheriff's
Deputy Doug Patterson



Some might not know that I have a fascination with the old west. I love old westerns and memorabilia from the mid- to late-1800s. No wonder I love the lore of being a Deputy Sheriff.

Did you know that the Office of Sheriff is one of the oldest offices known to the common law system? Historians generally agree that the origin of the first sheriff’s office was 1,000 years ago, during the Norman Conquest of England. Some date it back even farther and profess that the origins of the Office of Sheriff actually stem from the Roman Council, and the Earl or Count of that council was the prototype for the modern-day sheriff.

Historians agree that the origin of the word sheriff evolved from two Saxon words: Scyre — the Saxon word for county, and Reve — the Saxon word for keeper. The pronunciation of the two words evolved into the modern word sheriff, signifying county-keeper.

All Sheriffs in California are elected by the people of that county; one Sheriff for each county. The Sheriff appoints Deputy Sheriffs to help him or her protect the county. The Sheriff is in charge of the county’s jail(s) and courts, and also functions as the county coroner. The Sheriff’s deputies are also Deputy Coroners.

As a Deputy Sheriff I am very proud to be a part of Butte County and truly enjoy being a “peace keeper” for the citizens of Cohasset.

In order to contact me, you can reach me at 538-7321. Please follow the instructions on how to leave a message for me; *OR* the best way to contact me is by email at dpatterson@buttecounty.net. I check my emails on and off duty and can quickly respond to your questions or calls to service. As always, take care and I will see you out there.

Report by Deputy Doug Patterson

Cohasset Community News

CCA Membership Celebrates 40 Years of Success



In 1970 the residents of Cohasset formed the Cohasset Community Association. The community recognized the need for an organization that would promote and organize activities, clubs & programs that would enrich the lives of the people dwelling on the ridge as well as keep them prepared and organized to deal with community emergencies. It was the first community association of its kind in Butte County. Not long after that they set up the volunteer fire department and built the community center.

It's been forty years since that great swell of community spirit. The world has changed in ways almost incomprehensible back then. What hasn't changed are the reasons why a strong and vital Community Association is still so important to our little mountain community. The Cohasset Community Association is still going strong, and thanks to its many members and tireless and creative volunteers, wonderful events and activities continue to happen on our ridge.

Thanks to all those folks who have recently joined or renewed their memberships. If you are not currently a member of the CCA, please consider joining today! Look for our ad in the newsletter or call Janice @ 343-1754.

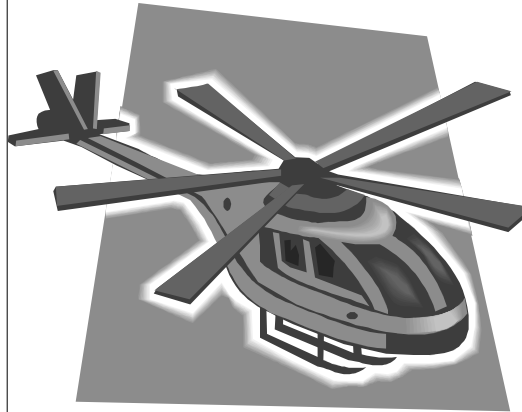
Recent Membership Renewals

Paula Shapiro

Lloyd and Olivia Yarbrough

Report by Janice Lee

Reminder: Flight Care Membership Discount



Cohasset Community Association members can get a discount on the annual dues for Enloe FlightCare Membership. The normal cost for the annual Family Membership is \$50, but if you are a CCA member you will receive the CCA group affiliation rate of \$30.00. To receive this rate, enter Cohasset Community Association member for Group Affiliation on the application. To download an application for the FlightCare Membership Program, go to http://www.enloe.org/guide_to_services/emergency_services/flightcare_membership_program.asp, or call for one at 332-6774.

Recycling Don'ts

The Cohasset Community is currently having trouble with recycling. Most people are recycling responsibly, but a few are throwing garbage in the recycling bin, leaving items outside of the bin and in general leaving a mess around the bin.

So here are a few don'ts to follow so we don't lose the recycling bin:

- Don't place items next to the dumpster. If the dumpster is full, try again in a few days.
- Don't put un-flattened boxes in the dumpster.
- Don't leave lids on plastic bottles. If left on, the lids become projectiles when the bottles are compressed.
- Don't put dirty food containers in the dumpster; make sure that all containers are clean.
- Don't leave bits of paper and garbage around the dumpster.
- Don't put window glass in the dumpster
- Don't put Styrofoam packing material in the dumpster



If we are to continue to have the benefit of a recycling dumpster in our community, we must recycle responsibly.

After going through the trash of abusers and finding receipts and bills, we now know who you are—so won't you please stop jeopardizing our program by leaving behind your garbage for us to clean up?

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Cohasset 4-H Club

Mark your calendar for the Annual Cohasset 4-H St. Patrick's Day Dinner. This event will be held on March 13th from 5:00pm to 7:30pm in the Cohasset Community Association building. This is a very popular event; come early for your share of delicious Corned Beef & Cabbage! Orders to go available too. There will be a raffle during the event; if you have items that you can donate for the raffle, please contact Midge at 343-7332.

Over the past few months, Cohasset 4-H youth have been busy with many activities. Most recently, Cohasset 4-H participated in the Annual 4-H Fun Night at the fairgrounds. Each 4-H club in Butte County builds a themed game booth and staffs the booth for the event. Once again, Cohasset 4-H created a fun booth that was a huge success with attendees. The booth was called "Space Shooters," and each player got their chance to shoot space objects with soft-darts. It was so popular, there was a long line all evening for those wanting to play the game. Great job, kids!

The Swine group has been busy plumping up and exercising their livestock for the Silver Dollar Fair in May. The Welding Fabrication group is creating some nifty crafts to be shown at the fair, and the Horse group is attending 4-H sponsored horse clinics to learn the technique of showing horses for competition. Meanwhile, the Arts & Crafts and Cooking groups have been busy creating seasonal crafts and seasonal eats! The Hiking group had to cancel their January hike due to weather, but we hope that the weather will cooperate for the next hike on February 27th, tentatively planned for the Yani Trail along the Sacramento River north of Red Bluff.

In April, the Cohasset 4-H will sponsor another Cohasset 4-H Pizza Night. Come down to Round Table Pizza on Tuesday, April 13, 5 to 9pm for a pizza dinner; Round Table will donate 20% of your total purchase to the Cohasset 4-H. Either mention Cohasset 4-H when you place your order, or bring the coupon below. Cohasset 4-H members will be selling a wide variety of tasty dessert treats too. Tell your friends and neighbors to come on down and support the Cohasset 4-H kids. Hope to see you there!



Report by Midge Vander Velden

Cohasset School Update



As reported in the last newsletter, the School Acquisition Committee has been in discussion with the Chico Unified School District, and there may now be an opportunity for our community to lease the site long-term from the CUSD if the Community Association assumes operational, maintenance, and insurance costs.

Please join us on March 9, 6pm, at the Cohasset Community Center for a discussion of potential uses for the site and how we can generate new revenue to cover expenses. Bring your good ideas, questions, and concerns. See you there!

Report by Beth Spencer

2010 Calendars

The Cohasset Historical Society is proud and pleased to offer our 2010 calendar. "Days Gone By" is a collection of thirteen seldom or never before seen images of vintage Cohasset and Cohassians! We guarantee that everyone who buys a CHS calendar will be thrilled!



Calendars are now available for purchase. Please call Janean Minter, CHS President, at 899-9863 to place your order and arrange a time to pay for and pick up your calendars.

Calendars make a great gift!

Report by Lisa Vegvary

YOU'RE INVITED TO

A Royal Pizza Feast



Bring this invitation when you order and Round Table Pizza will donate 20% of your group's total purchases. Please save your coupon and help support your community!

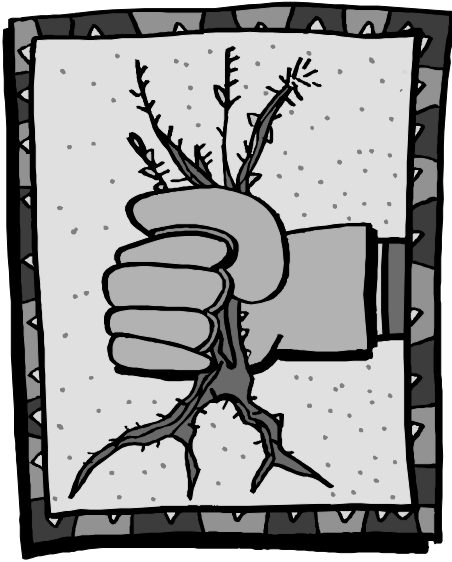


Host: Cohasset 4-H Club
Date: Tuesday, April 13, 2010
Time: 5 to 9 pm
Place: Round Table Pizza (Almond Orchard)
2201 Pillsbury Road • Chico

No other coupons or discounts are valid in conjunction with this fund-raiser.

Community News

Weed Wrench Loaner Program

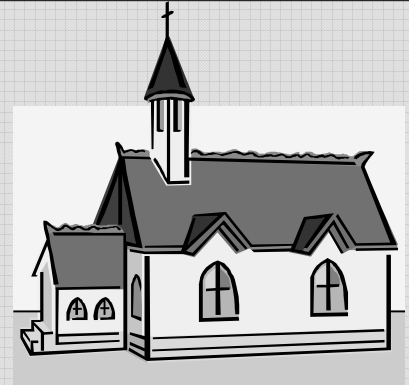


Reminder: The CCA has a Weed Wrench available to help you maintain your 100' defensible space for fire safety. A Weed Wrench is a manually operated, all-steel tool designed to remove woody plants by uprooting. Check out <http://weedwrench.com> for more information about the Weed Wrench. The CCA has three Weed Wrench tools in various sizes that can be loaned at no charge* to Cohasset Community members.

If you wish to take advantage of this free program, call Rupert McDowell at 343-5701. You

can download the Weed Wrench Policy/Rental Form from: <http://cohassetcommunity.org/index.php?pg=services>.

* \$50 cash deposit required



Church News

Church services are every Sunday at 10:30 am. They also have Sunday school classes for the children.

In addition to the Sunday morning services, the church has an outreach to those in need in the community. On the last Saturday of every month, with the exception of November and December, the church has a day that is called "food pantry day" where any in the community, with no questions asked, can come and receive food; usually, some meat product, eggs, cheese, cereal and all kinds of canned goods. This charity for the community is supported and paid for by the members of the church.

Everyone is invited to attend the Sunday services, and those in need the food pantry days. If anyone has any questions or comments Pastor Brian Hall's phone line is open - 343-8479.

PDF Version of the Cohasset Ridge Evacuation Route is Online Now



Thanks to the versatile Daniel Botsford a PDF version of the official Evacuation Route Cohasset residents should use in case of fire or disaster has been uploaded to our website at:

http://cohassetcommunity.org/docs/Cohasset_Evacuation%20Plan_2009_Rev2.1.2.pdf

West African Rhythms & Dance

Learn all about West African music. Have fun, meet old friends and make new acquaintances while dancing to great West African music with hosts Lansana and Tania.

This recurring event is held on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month, 10am at the CCA Building. All ages are welcome. We'll see you all Sunday December 13 & 27. For more info, call Ruth: 891-3481.



Urgently Needed

A house or mobile home to rent for a small Christian paraplegic family. May the grace of god touch your heart and help this Christian family

God Bless You!

Please Call 343-1566

Upcoming Events & March Calendar

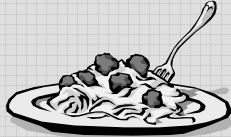
Potluck News

Italian Food

March 13th - 5:30 PM

January's potluck was a rousing success. Seventeen people ate a range of spectacular stews.

Don't miss the March potluck. It's on Saturday the 13th at 5:30pm in the Cohasset Community



Association building. Remember Caesar got his, during the Ides of March, so let's celebrate his passing with one of the great cuisines of the world. From spaghetti to spumoni, from meatballs to manicotti, from pizza to polenta, you can't go wrong with Italian food! For more information call the Tates at 342-3494.

Cohasset Home Brew Club

Tuesday, March 2nd at 7pm



The Cohasset Brew Club is growing, and the resident Master Brewers are offering some great tips and techniques to new and experienced brewers. February's meeting featured Bock Beer, a strong lager beer that originated in the 14th century in Germany. However, a few of our Cohasset Home Brew Club members have perfected variations that are sure to be popular for the next century! The next Brew Club meeting will feature Mead, which is made from honey and water via fermentation with yeast. We have tentative plans to have a guest expert brewer of Mead.



Thanks again to everyone who brought bock beer samples to share. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 2nd at 7pm in the Community Center. For more info call Erik: 899-7765
Report by Daniel Botsford

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Cohasset 4-H Meeting	2 7:00 - 9pm Brew Club	3	4 7-9pm Cohasset Volunteer Fire Dept. Mtg	5	6
7 10:30am Church Service	8	9 5-6pm Cohasset School Acquisition Cmte	10 12pm-2pm Commodities Distribution	11	12	13 5-9pm Cohasset 4-H Corned Beef Dinner
14 10:30am Church Service 10:00am African Dance	15	16	17 St. Patrick's Day	18 7-9pm Cohasset Volunteer Fire Dept. Mtg	19	20 5:30-9pm Community Potluck Dinner
21 10:30am Church Service	22	23	24	25	26	27
28 10:30am Church Service 10:00am African Dance	29	30	31	March 2010		

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	Cohasset Historical Society Presents: "Days Gone By"		
	2010 Calendar		

Support the CCA by purchasing one or both of these useful community gifts.

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To buy just call Jill Stewart at 898-8197**

**The Cohasset Historical Society's 2010 Calendars are just \$10.00
To buy calendars, call Janean Minter at 899-9863.**

Hurry! Supplies are limited