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The Gray or Foothill Pine

We all know this tree. It usually gets a bad rap because it's leggy, multi-trunked and spreading. It's basically worthless as a timber tree. Its wood rots quickly when wet. When dry its wood warps so badly that it's been said that boards stacked outside to season will walk off the property overnight. It very seldom has a single trunk and commonly forks into many smaller trunks which don't lend themselves to any amount of



straight wood. For firewood use, it's called "go-for wood" and comes in as a poor choice to the other pines in our area because it doesn't produce the BTUs of the other pines. It's difficult to hand split and is pitchy and fibrous. All that being said, if you have nothing else to burn, it will keep you warm splitting and hauling the wood to your fireplace or stove more than the heat produced by its wood.

Even though it's not much as a timber tree, it's a tough old bird that can grow and stabilize the soil in the rockiest and driest places up to about the 2,600 foot elevation. Because of its extensive seed production, it's very important to wildlife. Numerous birds feed on the seeds of gray pine

including the red-shafted flicker, California jay, and band-tailed pigeon. The foliage, bark, and seeds provide food for black bears (of which we seem to have a bunch up here), chickadees, and gray squirrels. Deer browse the foliage and twigs.

It's a fast grower: as you come up the hill to Cohasset this spring, look at the new growth (called candles). Some of them are more than a foot in length. Al-

though many don't, I think its gray-green foliage color is attractive.

The reason many of us still refer to this tree as the digger pine is because its seeds were eaten by many foothill California Indian tribes which were commonly called "digger Indians" in 19th century literature. The term "digger Indians" is now considered improper and insulting to these tribes, thus the name gray or foothill pine. The seeds of the grey pine are still served in Native American homes today. (I've tasted them and they are quite good.) They can be eaten raw, roasted, or pounded into flour and mixed with other types of seeds. The pitch of the gray pine was used as a medicine by the Western Mono and the branches were made into household utensils for stirring acorn mush. The needles were used for bedding and floor covering, and the bark for house covering by the Sierra Miwok. The branches and roots were used in California Indian basketry and still gathered to a limited extent by contemporary weavers.

Report by Bob Tate





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April Deadline - April 8th, 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?

I know what you're thinking. How can you miss me when I won't go away? I understand your sentiment, because my better half is always saying that... but I continue to hang around month after month, year after year, decade after decade getting in the way of her peace and quiet.

Like my saintly wife, you avid Cohasset Newsletter readers will have

to endure yet another edition gathered and scribed by me. My perky spouse would prefer I prepare the fresh veal scaloppini fixin's she picked up in town for our nightly meal on this glorious spring evening rather than hounding her to re-check my spelling and grammar. She concedes to doing the thankless chore for me and then cooks the meal herself while I scribble this drivel for public consumption. For both you and my wife I have nothing but sympathy and can only offer my apology in advance.

The month of May on Cohasset Ridge conjures up visions of May flowers, red-breasted robins foraging for new nesting materials, sprinkles of rain, the blue sky peeking through fluffy clouds, the sun going down over the coastal range behind Red Bluff, squirrels chasing their mates around the trunks of heavenly bound cedars like the May pole and truck after truck coming up Cohasset Road with loads of enriched worm castings and compost.

Everyone I know agrees that our little enclave in the foothills is richly inhabited by unique characters and beauty beyond comparison. What we endure in our daily routines most people would consider a once in a lifetime vacation opportunity. We grumble about splitting wood and hauling it to our wood stoves while city folk struggle to afford a new subway pass for their daily journeys to work. When drought inevitably hits us and the beetles jump from one to another parched majestic pine ravaging its life to the roots, we groan and sigh. All the while flat-landers anxiously and repeatedly stab at the crosswalk buttons hoping to quickly find a shady respite from the concrete and traffic to soothe their souls if only for just a moment on coffee breaks outside their workplace.

I trust you'll agree, Cohasset is an exceptionally groovy little town to have the honor of residing in.

Count your blessings, hillbillies!

Mike DuFloth - Editor



Please Renew your Membership or join the CCA Today

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- Sugar Pine \$25
- White Pine \$50
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Cohasset Community News



Butte County Supervisor News

by Maureen Kirk,
Butte County Supervisor, District 3

Spring is here, but I hope we are not finished with the rain. I do remember one year we took our son to the Silver Dollar Fair over Memorial Day weekend. It was 1989 and it was pouring rain and a mud hole. It didn't bother a four year old, but we were miserable. Late spring rains are nice and especially if they help fill Lake Oroville.

Our latest project at the Board of Supervisors has been to interview candidates for Chief Administrative Officer. We have had interim CAOs for about 1½ years. We are hoping to find the right candidate who will lead our county with wisdom and care. One of the candidates left a quote which made me laugh. It is from Oscar Wilde.

"I am so clever that sometimes I don't understand a single word of what I am saying." Lots of people in government have this cleverness gene.

In a couple of weeks, we will interview for Director of Human Resources and Director of Behavioral Health. These are also two very important positions.

We are continuing to monitor and advocate for our Butte County water. We are in the midst of re-licensing for the Oroville Dam. This only happens every 50 years so it is crucial that we get it right. In a nutshell, DWR promised the county a lot and it has not been delivered. We are fighting for compensation for our Sheriff and Fire services which serve the Oroville Dam expanse. We also deserve compensation for all of the property under the dam water which has not been able to be developed and taxed. Finally, the outdoor recreation promises have also fallen flat.

Our groundwater is extremely important to Butte County – household water and agriculture. There has been mention of the State monitoring or taking control of groundwater. We will vehemently fight this. Water control belongs to the area of origin. On another note, the Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District is proposing to fallow farmland, sell surface water and replace it with groundwater. The problem with that is that we are in the upstream part of the groundwater basin.

So, we cannot get complacent about our water. It is here now, but it is the future we are protecting.

Keep dreaming.

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Police Beat

by Butte County Sheriff's
Deputy Doug Patterson



At the end of March I received several calls of thefts in the Cohasset area. One of the thefts occurred in the parking lot of the Cohasset store and involved the removal of a firearm from a vehicle. This incident took place during the normal business hours of the store. The rest of the incidents took place during the late evening and early morning hours. In the 9800 block of Cohasset Road, several unlocked vehicles were gone through and several personal items were taken, including a firearm.

During this same time period the Cohasset Community Center was forcibly entered and vandalized. Several doors had been kicked and damaged and several historic photographs ripped from the walls and thrown to the floor.

Even the Cohasset fire station (Station 22) was not overlooked. The suspect(s) entered the water tender and removed several items including a flashlight. The flashlight would later be recovered from within the Cohasset Community Center. Every compartment of the water tender was opened and items strewn about.

Another Cohasset homeowner's storage shed was entered and items strewn about, causing quite a bit of damage and clean-up.

We have not had this type of vandalism or thefts in some time. I am greatly concerned over the thefts of the firearms for obvious reasons. It also disturbs me that individuals do not respect the property of others, especially property that belongs to the entire community such as the Community Center and fire station. If anyone has any information that can help me in my investigation, please contact me at dpatterson@buttecounty.net or 538-7321. Thank you all.

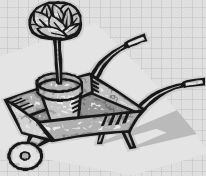
Rewarding Volunteer Opportunity Available CCA Newsletter Editor

Call CCA President Jill Stewart at 898-8197

Cohasset Community News

Annual Plant Sale & Cinco de Mayo Feast

Sunday
May 2nd
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This year the annual Spring Plant Sale is surely to be the best ever, putting this event in the “must attend” category for your community social calendars.

For a fun-filled day ending at 2:00pm, come to the community center early for the best dibs on plant sale bargains starting at 10:00am, and begin your Cinco de Mayo feasting of scrumptious Mexican dishes prepared by Linda Hartsong at 11:00am.

Dana and Brian Hanson of Hanson and Hanson are generously donating all the plants for the CCA plant booth, and 100% of the proceeds will go directly to the CCA coffers. Other nursery vendors will be there for your convenient springtime plant shopping pleasure. These fine folks all donate 20% back to the CCA.

Don't miss the Cinco de Mayo Feast & Spring Plant Sale. Come on out to support your community, meet with friends and neighbors, celebrate Cinco de Mayo and pick up some fabulous plants for your garden.

Annual Cemetery Clean-Up

It's getting close to Memorial Day and we'd like to have the cemetery looking good by then. Please join us for the Annual Cemetery Clean-Up on Saturday, May 22nd. We'll begin at 8:00 am and leave when we're finished. If you have a rake, pitch fork, or leaf blower, please bring it along. Looking forward to seeing you there.



Call Bill Shinn 345-7857 if you have questions.

Annual Cohasset Road Clean-Up

May 15th, 2010
8:00am—Noon
Meet at the CCA Bldg.

Come join your neighbors to clean up Cohasset Road. The road clean-up is important to us all;



the reward is immediate and it's a lot of fun, too! Shout-outs go to you Cohassians who walk the road daily cleaning up as you go. Meet at the Cohasset Community Association Building at 8:00 AM, May 15th. Coffee, Juice and bagels will be served. Papa Murphy's pizza will be served when we finish. Bring gloves and water. Picker-uppers, vests and bags will be provided.

Questions? Call Rupert at 343-5701.



Cohasset 4-H news



The Cohasset 4-H kids are spending the next several weeks preparing for the 2010 Silver Dollar Fair May 27-31. Cohasset will have good representation in the Swine, Horse, and Welding & Metal Fabrication competitions.

Come on down and support your local 4-H at the fair!

The 4-H Hiking group recently completed an adventure of snowshoeing and snow play in the Lassen Volcanic National Park. The ranger-led snowshoe hike included snowshoe basics and an educational hike around the Kohm Yahmah-nee Visitor Center. Everyone had a great time and we hope to make this a regular destination each year for the hiking group. For more information about Cohasset 4-H, contact Club Leader, Midge Vander Velden at 343-7332.



L-R: Ranger Nick, Sarah Buckhold, Jacinda Myre, Josh Minter, Leslie, Justin Minter

Cohasset Community News

Annual CCA Election of the Board

Please mark your calendars for the evening of Thursday, June 10th, 6:00 pm. The Cohasset Community Association will hold a General Meeting at which the annual elections will take place and a progress report will be made from the School Acquisition Committee. These are two very important events you will not want to miss if you're a current CCA member.

In order to be eligible to run for a Board position or vote in this election, community members must be current on their membership a minimum of ten days prior to the election.

Current nominations for the eleven-person Board are as follows:

Jill Stewart — President

Linda Hartsong — Vice President

Mayeve Tate — Treasurer

Lara Conkey-Weibelhaus — Secretary

Dan Botsford — 2-year Board Member

Michael DuFloth — Board Member

Bob Hursh — 2-year Board Member

Maggie Krehbiel — Board Member

Lisa Vegvary — Board Member

Janice Lee — Board Member

Members can be nominated from the floor the evening of the election for any of the Board or Officer positions.

We hope to see you there!

Report by Lisa Vegvary



Chipper Program

The Butte Firesafe Council chipper program will be visiting Cohasset at least once more this spring to reduce properly stacked brush piles into chips. The program is dormant during fire season. You can get on the chipper list by calling the Firesafe Council office BEFORE May 15th.

Butte Fire Safe Council: 877-0984

Jim Brobeck, Chipper Coordinator

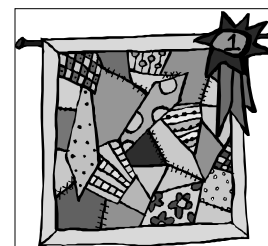
Fire House Demo

When the demolition of the old fire house was completed some building materials were salvaged. Call Bob Hursh for a list of items including lumber, siding, electrical parts, toilets, sinks etc. Come by next door to the CCA building on May 15th between 9am and 3pm for inspection.

Report by Bob Hursh - 345-4796



Beautiful Bazaar Quilt



A dedicated group of Cohasset women spearheaded by Cathy Lawson and assisted by Marilyn

Colson are hard at work on another beautiful quilt. This quilt will be raffled off at the Annual Bazaar and Music festival in August. Watch for ticket sales to begin in May. Money raised from the sale of the tickets will be split between the CCA Emergency Preparedness Committee Fund and the CCA "Keep the Building Open" General Fund.

Report by Mayeve Tate



Details of CCA Community Center Vandalism

On Tuesday evening, March 30th, a CCA Board Member discovered that the Community Center had been broken into after he arrived to do some building maintenance.

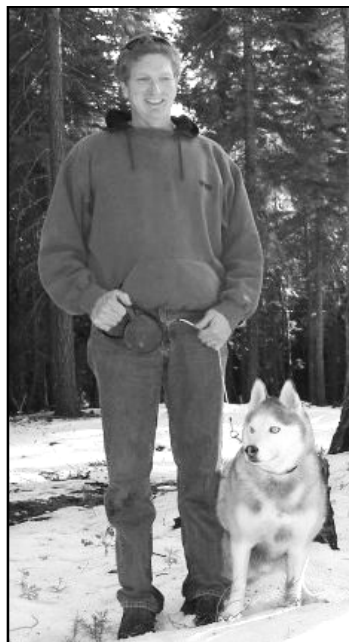
The TV in the office was laying face down on the floor, and things were strewn about; after looking around he noticed the break-in occurred through the kitchen window

and the culprit(s) left through the door by the kitchen.

The damage was somewhat minor: office door kicked open and ransacked, Historical Society storeroom broken into, EPC cabinet doors pulled off, kitchen ransacked, and some damage to a few walls. The only things missing were two fire extinguishers and the silverware in the kitchen.

When the Sheriff arrived, they conducted a thorough investigation including extracting several good fingerprints from various items. The Sheriff also took a few things that were apparently left behind by the culprit(s) so they can be processed in their lab. The case will be turned over to Deputy Doug Patterson when he returns.

Community



Community Kudos

Some folks just quietly go out day after day and make contributions to our community. They never ask for anything in return and even shun the idea of receiving the recognition they so much deserve.

I hope Daniel Botsford will forgive me for acknowledging his service in this article, but I'm so constantly amazed by his generous heart and incredible never-ending drive to make our community a better place to live, that I'm going to gamble he won't hold it against me for too long.

The chores he's volunteered to do are so extensive it's hard to comprehend much less list them all here.

From CCA board commitments like changing the community marquee as needed, to his invaluable help with the Annual Bazaar and literally hundreds of other

thankless tasks, Daniel is there for all of us like clockwork.

Recently it came to my attention that he'd been spending his nights after work and his weekends relentlessly working to prepare the CCA building for a much overdue fire inspection. Just take a look at the only cursory list of chores he's accomplished over the last few weeks by spending his free time in town buying materials and then using his own tools and expertise to make us all safer ... oftentimes bringing the tougher jobs home to complete.

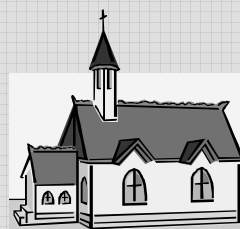
- Replaced battery in emergency light that illuminates inside building when power goes out
- Replaced fire extinguishers to meet the minimum rating of 2A:10B:C
- Installed glow-in-the-dark exit signs required over exit doors
- Posted sign stating "This door to remain unlocked whenever the building is occupied" over main/front entrance
- Finished walls in closets
- Added "Warming Stove Only" sign over stove in kitchen
- Posted address on building
- Cleared area in front of all electrical panels
- Covered hole in heater room wall
- Posted sign "Keep items 36 from heater" in rear storage room
- Added panic hardware (push-bar) to rear exit door

Daniel's my neighbor and as such he sets an example of community and neighborhood service unmatched by anyone I've ever known. He encourages a spirit in me, and probably in everyone he knows, of pride in self and community. His never-ending smile and kind words captivate and exemplify the best of human spirit.

Thanks Daniel!

Report by Daniel's Neighbor

Church News



Our church has taken on the sponsorship of 15-year-old

Ivan Yanez, an orphan at the Haven of Hope Orphanage in Digos, Philippines. The money sent each month pays for his food, clothing, medical bills and education. Our church also helps with the care of his sister, 10-year-old Melody, and brother, 8-year-old Kevin.



The Haven of Hope Orphanage was completed in 2006 with money and property given by donors who had been orphans themselves. The HOH is now home to 18 children.

We are collecting gently used small adult and children's summer clothing to be shipped to the HOH in June. If you have clothing you would be willing to donate, call Mayeve at 342-2494 and she will arrange for a pick up. Also you may call her if you are interested in knowing more about the HOH.

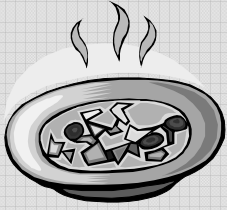
Everyone is invited to attend the Sunday services at 10:30 am for worship and singing.

The last Sunday of each month is Potluck Sunday when we share a meal following the service. On the last Saturday of each month at 9:00am is the food pantry for those in need. For more information, questions or comments, call Pastor Brian Hall at 343-8479.

*Cohasset Neighborhood Church News
Report by Mayeve Tate*

Upcoming Events & April Calendar

Mexican Pot-Luck Saturday May 15th



Come join new friends and old for a Cinco de Mayo celebration Pot-Luck, Saturday May 15th at 5:30. You can't go wrong with such a wide variety of foods and flavors from Mexico.

Bring your favorite Southwestern dish to share. If you can't bring something, come anyway. All are welcome. I may make my New Mexican favorite green chili stew from a recipe I got from the chef at Doc Martin's Cafe in Taos. So put on your serape and get to thinking Mexican food.

Report by Bob Tate

Cohasset Home Brew Club News

Tuesday, May 4th, 7pm CCA Building

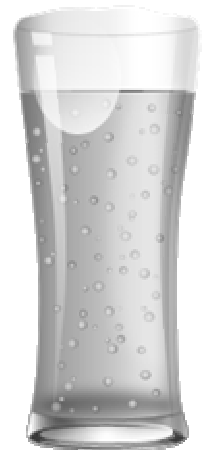


April 6th found the local brew club members tasting a wide variety of porters. This style is rather complex, so it was a great learning experience to taste a wide range of interpretations of the style — both commercial and home-brewed versions were available.

This was a good warm-up for the May 4th meeting at 7pm, which will feature Barleywine, a beer style high in alcohol and very complex. All members are encouraged to bring any home-brewed versions as well as commercial examples of this wonderful beer. Snacks are also appreciated, so our palates remain fresh and ready to taste.

There is a chance that Erik will be unavailable for this event, so questions can be answered by David at 343-4951.

Report by David Westphal



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 10am-2pm Plant Sale/Feast 10:30am—Church	3 Cohasset 4-H Meeting	4 7:00 - 9pm Brew Club	5	6 7-9pm Cohasset Volunteer Fire Dept. Mtg	7	8 Private Reservation
9 10:30am Church Service 10:00am African Dance	10 <i>Reminder!</i>	11 5-6pm School Acquisition Cmte Meeting	12 12pm-2pm Commodities Distribution	13 7pm CCA Board Meet- ing	14 7-10pm Bingo (tentative)	15 10am-1pm Cohasset Road Clean-Up 5:30-9pm Community Potluck Dinner
16 10:30am Church Service	17	18	19	20 7-9pm Cohasset Volunteer Fire Dept. Mtg	21 <i>Don't Forget</i> <i>Hot!</i>	22 8am-4pm Co- hasset Cemetery Clean-Up
23/30 10:30am Church Service 10:00am African Dance	24/31	25	26	27	28	29

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BINGO - Coming to Cohasset Soon!



The CCA Board approved starting Bingo in Cohasset! We are currently working through the bingo license process with Butte County and hope to be approved by May 2010.

If all goes well, we will hold a kick-off Bingo Night before summer starts.

Ink up those daubers, dust off your bingo dogs, brush up on your bingo lingo, and get ready for playing the fun game of chance right here in your community ... BINGO!