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The White Fir

Abies concolor

Hey, that pretty and fragrant Christmas tree you bought last year may have been a White Fir. It's a favorite among Christmas tree buyers nationwide. While we don't have a large number of White Firs growing at the 3,000 foot level, they are individually scattered here and there and in isolated groves. I've seen several near my house and some along Cohasset Road, but as you drive up toward the towers, more and more White Firs occur. At the 4,000 foot level near the helispot in Campbellville they are very numerous.

White fir is considered one of the Balsam Firs. Of all the true firs in the West (Red Fir, Silver Fir, Noble Fir and Shasta Fir, to name a few), the White Fir is the most widespread. The true firs are distinctly different from the more numerous Douglas Firs we find growing in this area.

True fir needles (leaves) are bluish or silvery-green, curve upward, and are short and sharp at the tips. You're not likely to see a true fir cone on the ground, because the 3-6 inch cones grow upright on the twigs and disintegrate before falling. What you'll see on the ground near a



White Fir are sharp fan-shaped scales that have fallen from the cones. A cone you see on the ground that's about the same size as the White Fir cone is from the Douglas Fir.

Although the White Fir has some rather descriptive names (one of which refers to the smell of urine — but that's another story told in adult company), it really is a beautiful tree suited for landscape planting as well Christmas tree use. It can grow up to 200 feet in height, but around here a 100-foot tree is a big one. Its wildlife value is very high. Birds and small animals live in their crowns and deer will eat all the needles they can reach.

With all of its beauty, White Fir is not much of a lumber tree because its wood is soft, weak and rather coarse-grained. It's harvested along with the other true firs and not usually separated from them at the mill.

Report by Bob Tate



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What's Happening?



This July marks the 40th birthday of the Cohasset Community Association and the 40th year of publishing the CCA Newsletter you are now reading. The history reads like this: In 1970 the residents of our little foothill settlement 20 miles north of Chico formed a community association, the first of its kind in Butte County. Soon after they set up a volunteer fire department and built their own community center, entirely funded by local volunteers without the aid of taxpayers' dollars. Forty years later the Cohasset Community Association is still funded by volunteers and it still represents the only governing body to speak up for, defend and protect Cohasset residents.

Now we have an updated fire and evacuation plan and an emergency shelter preparation plan, and we've upgraded and maintained our vital community center. Back then the Annual Cohasset Bazaar was not much more than locals playing horseshoes, drinking beer, rough-housing, and shooting off guns, but the Bazaar tradition has survived and morphed into the event we now call the Annual Cohasset Bazaar and Music Festival, still held every August. Mark your calendars this year for August 7th.

Neighbors we haven't seen all year come out for the celebration and donate time and money to support all the major chores that make up the new face of our most significant and spectacular annual event.

Now we entertain vendors of all kinds with mountain crafts, a bake sale, a scrumptious BBQ, and successful community fund-raising raffles. Our Historical Society displays history going back over 100 years, and an array of booths have cropped up from our community church to our Emergency Preparedness Committee. The CDF and our local sheriff's deputy make appearances and join in the revelry, and our membership committee is always present ensuring we don't overlook renewing our all important membership fees that guarantee the Community Association's survival.

Nowadays local musicians gear up and practice for what has become the biggest attraction, our music festival. We feature several accomplished groups who never disappoint and always inspire camaraderie, dancing and the coming together of our community.

Times have changed a lot in 40 years, but the foothill folks haven't. Some locals still like to drink beer, play horseshoes, and rough-house, and without question, Cohasset residents still embody the original community association's strong-minded character of caring neighbors, helping friends, and a pioneering community spirit that will surely live on. Forty years and counting.

Mike DuFloth, Editor

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>



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Check one: Pine \$20 Cedar \$50 Oak \$75 Lifetime \$100

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Butte County Supervisor News

by Maureen Kirk,
Butte County Supervisor, District 3

Your editor is a tough taskmaster. I received the reminder email the day after the election. If you have participated in an election, you know that the results are very slow to come in on election night. The absentees come in around 8:30 and then it is not until 10:30 or 11 that the precincts start reporting. At about 11:00 only 25% of my precincts had been counted. This is due to the fact that the ballots have to be driven to Oroville and it quite a drive from Cohasset, Forest Ranch and north Chico. Needless to say, I did not get much sleep. I want to thank the voters of District 3 for electing me again. As always, I am available to help in any way I can.

The biggest issue the BOS tackled in the last month was trying to figure out how to make off-highway tracks compatible with neighborhoods. As one Supervisor put it, we almost took out a sledgehammer when we could use a flyswatter. The issue was never about people riding their OHVs on their own property. The issue is very large motocross tracks. There is one in particular off Santa Clara Avenue. It has six contiguous neighbors and they operate "two stroke" engines under lights until 11pm. The final direction was to investigate existing noise, nuisance, and abatement codes. There seems to be an ordinance in Placer County which is acceptable to the OHVs. We will look at that, too. There is also a very sophisticated professional track on Keefer Road. This does not operate at night but it is very loud for the next-door neighbor. The other neighbors are buffeted so that it does not bother them. So, how do we mitigate for one neighbor when the others are not bothered? It is a quandary. The simple answer would be to follow the Golden Rule. I have not heard of a situation similar to this in Cohasset. I believe it is because the lots are bigger and Cohassians are pretty tolerant.

The most important issue facing the County in the next few months is the budget. Revenues are down (property tax, sales tax) and expenses are up due to step raises, health insurance and some operational expenses. For the most part, we have been very frugal. Because we had a generous carryover balance, we will probably be able to maintain status quo. This is still not good since we are woefully down in sheriff patrols and the county fire stations have rolling brownouts. Our number one priority is public safety and we will do our best to restore some of these positions.

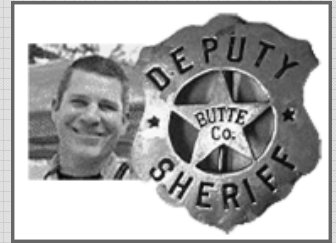
It is planned that Cohasset Road from the Chico City limits to the end of the pavement will be chip sealed this summer. This is with Prop 1 B money which the voters approved a few years ago. I know that there will be some inconvenience, but the end product will make the road safer and more pleasurable to drive.

If you like the song "Somewhere over the Rainbow" check youtube and watch the version by Israel Kamakawiwo'ole. It is awesome. Eric Clapton also has a great rendition, too.

Stay cool ♦ mkirk@buttecounty.net ♦ 891-2800

Police Beat

by Butte
County
Sheriff's



Deputy Doug Patterson

On June 10th I was promoted to Detective in the sheriff department's marijuana unit, also known as SEU. The Designated Area Deputy program (DAD), which I have been a part of for the last four years, is a 3-5 year position. A few months ago the SEU position opened up, and I was a prime candidate to fill that spot. This position is also good for 3-5 years. Seeing that it was a promotion for me and because of my vast knowledge of marijuana due to the areas I patrolled (national forest, SPI land, Cohasset and Forest Ranch), I submitted my name to fill the vacancy in SEU. I also did this seeing that I only had one more year left in serving Cohasset, Forest Ranch, and Butte Meadows as a DAD.

Most of you know that I am a very easygoing, fair, and honest deputy. I will not change while working in SEU. My primary focus will be getting Mexican Nationals growing marijuana out of our forests; however, I will also be investigating unlawful Proposition 215 marijuana grows. Please make sure you follow California Proposition 215 laws to the letter.

My long-term goal is to do my time in SEU then apply as the Cohasset, Forest Ranch, Butte Meadows DAD once again. This is a very bittersweet change for me. I have never loved a job more than being the DAD for these areas. I would like to thank everyone who has always supported me; it has been a pleasure working for you. My voice message machine will be turned off, but if you have a marijuana related question you can always reach me: dpatterson@buttecounty.net. I will be back.

Thank you all ...

Deputy Doug Patterson

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President's Message



40TH ANNUAL COHASSET BAZAAR & MUSIC FESTIVAL

This year's Cohasset celebration is opening with a Quiche Breakfast from 8 to 10am, followed by the traditional Parade — this year's theme is "Classic Cars & Motorcycles" (preferred, but not limited to, 1970 and older). Festivities include live music from 11am to 7pm, a BBQ, natural foods, a plant sale, artisan craft vendors, children's activities, and more!

Here is an excellent opportunity to renew your membership, and get something back when you do. The CCA is supported entirely by your generous donations, and your contributions are essential to keeping the building open to the community.

Since the Bazaar is powered by volunteers, the following is a list of names and numbers of whom to call if you can donate your time.

GATE KEEPER:

DeDe Sterling 342-9669

FOOD SERVICES:

Linda Hartsong 891-8337

PLANT SALE:

Trish Puterbaugh 342-1641

MEMBERSHIP: Jan Lee 892-1937

CLEAN-UP: Jill Stewart 898-8197

VENDORS: Aurora Tehan 343-3243

RAFFLE: Mike Dufloth 898-1871 & Daniel Botsford 893-1616

Bazaar Report by Jill Stewart

Bingo's the Bomb

I would like to thank everyone who came to support the inaugural CCA Bingo event on Friday, June 11th. What a fun evening! In addition to being a fund-raising success for CCA, the Bingo players had a fun time trying their hands at winning one of the 10 games



Neighbors enjoying a party at Bingo

played over the course of two hours. Congratulations to Ruth Gordon, our first CCA Bingo winner of the night! It should be noted that Ruth and Sally both won two times; how's that for luck — and skill, of course! There were lots of laughs, in part due to Mike DuFloth's reciting 'bingo lingo' after each number was called — thanks Mike. All in all, it was a wonderful Friday evening to meet fellow Cohassians, laugh, and play the exciting game of chance, BINGO! I must thank the following individuals for helping make CCA Bingo a success:

Christine Myers - Cashier

Dan DeWayne - Bingo Runner/Assistant Caller

Linda Hartsong - Food & Snack Sales

Kelly (Bingo player) - Providing expert advice on playing Bingo

The next Bingo event will be Friday, July 23rd, and there will be a BBQ beforehand. For details, see the article "BBQ & Bingo" below.



BBQ & BINGO Grand Opening! Friday July 23rd 5– 9 PM

The Cohasset Community Association will be holding a BBQ and Bingo Grand Opening on Friday, July 23, 5 pm - 9 pm. This is the official kick-off for Cohasset's monthly Bingo games, and what better way to start a Bingo game than after feasting on a Barrel

Smoked BBQ dinner courtesy of Linda Hartsong!

The BBQ Dinner starts at 5:00 pm, and dinners **MUST BE** pre-ordered. Call Linda Hartsong at 891-8337 to place your order. All Barrel Smoked Dinners include Potato or Tossed Salad and Bread. Your entree choices:

Chicken Dinner (Breast or Leg/Thigh) \$10.00

Hot Links \$8.00

Portabello Mushroom \$8.00

Bingo starts at 7:00 pm, and game card package sales start at 6:00 pm. Bingo packages are \$10, which includes 6 (six) bingo cards for each of the 10 games. The final game of the night will be 'Winner Take All,' which is an optional entry after the regular Bingo rounds conclude.

Reminder: No one under 18 years of age is allowed while Bingo games are in session.

All proceeds of these events benefit the Cohasset Community Center, a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization

If you have any questions about CCA Bingo, please call 893-5432.

Bingo Reports by Daniel Botsford

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Mountain Music Returns July 24th 6 – 10 PM

No need to leave the mountain on a weekend when you have Bingo on Friday, then Mountain Music on Saturday! Cohasset has it going on! Come on down to the CCA building to enjoy live music, Gas-house Pizza and refreshments. Bands interested in playing please call Johnnie Wahl at 898-1114.



Report by Jill Stewart

Fire News



In spite of the unusually late rain, fire season is here! The stiff north wind of the past week has dried out the fine materials that the surface fuel comprises. Unintentional ignition of surface fuel can spread flames rapidly, especially during windy days. The chipper program provided by Butte Fire Safe Council (an independent non-profit group that does not receive funding from Butte County) is dormant until fire season ends with the rain's return in Autumn. BFSC has enough left in our budget to start chipping again next season, but we need to gain more financial support from communities we serve as grant funding dwindles. I would like to invite residents of Cohasset to join the "Wildfire Safe Neighbors Membership Program." A modest membership fee will help us continue to serve residents who want to create Defensible Space and to survive inevitable wildfire incidents.

This is the time of year to put away the chainsaw and get out the rake, ladder and gloves. The ignition zone that exists from the edge of your home and extends out about 100 feet must be cleared of flammable debris that allow embers to nest and turn into structure-consuming flames. Pay special attention to rain gutters by regularly cleaning out leaves and needles that drop year around.

Please visit our website for much more information and to tune in to the Butte County Public Safety Scanner: <http://www.thenet411.net>

You can also call the Butte Fire Safe Council office: 877-9084. Thanks to the many residents who worked hard the past six months to create defensible space. It was a great pleasure to visit your property with my chipper crew to reduce your brush piles into fire-safe wood chips.

Report by Jim Brobeck, Cohasset Chipper Coordinator

SAC News



The School Acquisition Committee gives hearty thanks to all who participated in the workshop in April. Cohasset residents brainstormed uses for the school building and grounds, discussed revenue strategies, and developed a list of priorities to guide the SAC in formulating its park grant application.

The SAC has since submitted a lease proposal to the CUSD and is awaiting a formal response. Informally, the committee has learned that the District is in dialogue with an online charter school interested in a portion of the site.

Stay tuned for further updates!

Report by Beth Spencer

Bazaar Parade

As the Cohasset Bazaar quickly approaches, we are looking for parade



entries for our annual parade. We love kids in costume, on decorated bikes or skateboards, motorcycles and ATVs, horses, classic cars, or maybe a float. This is Cohasset's Annual Parade and the official kick off for our Cohasset Bazaar.

This year we have judges who will be giving out a 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place awards for the classic cars. So if you have a classic car to enter, start polishing!

For more information, please call Lara @ 899-3929.



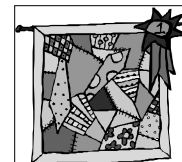
Bazaar Music

Dale Price of Electric Canyon Recording Studio will be doing the sound again this year. The headliner band will be Electric Circus. Also playing will be The Alice Peake Experience, Ruby Hollow Band, Local World and Mud Creek Kenny.

In the next newsletter look forward to bios on all the bands performing

Report by Alice Peake

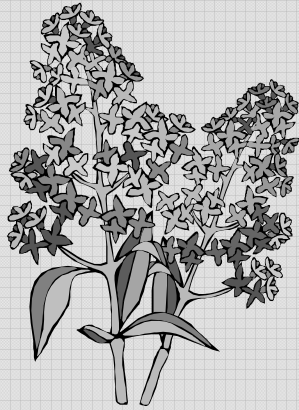
Bazaar Quilt



Tickets for this year's Cohasset raffle quilt are on sale now. Don't wait to get yours! Tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. To obtain

your winning ticket, call Kathy @ 343-1479, Marilyn @ 892-1864, or Mayeve @ 342-2494. The drawing for the quilt will be August 7th at the Bazaar. *Report by Kathleen Lawson*

Community



Cohasset Gardens A Sense of Place

Two months ago as I was writing, it was snowing outside; today it is blessed sunshine. What a spring it has been for us! The abundant rain has created a profusion of wildflowers and blooming shrubs leading up our Cohasset hill. Living up toward the top, we watch spring unfold in the valley and see it bloom all the way to our deep forest garden. Right now the elderberry, buckeye, mock orange and wild lilac are showing off on the roadsides. Carpets of lupine blanket some parcels and the Clarkias and larkspurs are prolific this year. We have loads of sweet white iris, tiny yellow calochortus and baby dogwood. Soon the brilliant blue penstemon will start to bud.

The vegetable garden is finally getting some much-needed sunshine and is starting to take off. I am picking the first radishes and lettuce, but the sweet peas are still a few weeks away. All summer veggies should be in by now, although it was certainly a late start to the year! If you want successive harvests of green beans you can plant every 2 weeks until about July 1st. Lettuce can be planted almost all year in Cohasset, as there are many heat-tolerant varieties available. It's hard to know if it will be a decent year for tomatoes and peppers, with all the coolness ...but the mosquitoes are happy!

To spare the water, mulch heavily once the heat comes. I use a 2-inch layer of decayed manure on my beds and perennials.

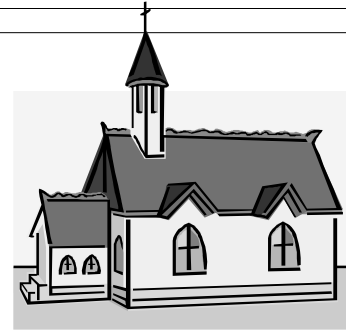
Mock Orange (*Philadelphus lewisii*) is the California native I mentioned above, now blooming beautifully all the way up the hill. It is deciduous (drops its leaves in the winter), it grows 10-20 feet tall, and buds out sweet orange-smelling florets in early summer. It can grow in fairly deep shade with minimal water, but can also grow in full sun and rocky soil with no water. Native Americans used its straight stems in making arrows. It is one of our favorites and a nice addition to a Cohasset Garden. As a bonus, it invites the pollinators – bees, birds and butterflies – into our gardens. Enjoy the arrival of the sweet days of summer! *Report by Trish Puterbaugh*

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 July 11 & 25.

For more info, call Ruth: 891-3481.



Church Commentary

A question for this month is, “Is there such a thing as absolute truth, and if so, where do we look to find this truth? The types of truths I am referring to are not the truths that science, for example, can either prove or disprove, like at what temperature will water boil at sea level, and things of that nature. What I am referring to are, again for example, moral or ethical truths (there is a difference); are there some things we should do and some things we should not do? Or to put it another way, is there really some difference between right and wrong; or is that decision to be left up to the individual? It seems, at least to me, that we are today more and more concerned about our freedoms than the truth; or, to put it another way, today we are more likely to be committed to “my truth” than to any notion of truth in general, no matter where that may lead. I recently found a quote that might be appropriate to reflect on in the times we now live, “Truth is the foundation of all knowledge and the cement of all societies.”- *New Dictionary of Thought, 1957.*

Christians, or at least most Christians, believe there are some absolute or transcendent truths, and these “truths” are found in the Holy Bible. Now, of course, I know and understand that many people do not believe what I or many other Christians believe. The purpose of this article is not to convince people to believe as I do, but more importantly to at least think about the probability or possibility of absolute truth, and if there is such a thing as absolute truth, where can it be found. We discuss these types of questions or issues, as well as many others, at the Cohasset Church on Sunday mornings; all are welcome to come and be with us.

Commentary by Brian Hall, Pastor.

Upcoming Events & July Calendar

July Community Potluck—BBQ

Saturday July 17th
5:30 PM

Come One,
Come All to
the July Pot-
luck on Satur-
day, July 17th,
at 5:30pm.



Meet us at
the CCA building with your favor-
ite BBQ food dish. It could be your
favorite accompaniment to a BBQ
meal or it could be something you
have cooked on the BBQ. Be in-
ventive; have fun. For more infor-
mation or a formal invitation, call
Bob and Mayeve at 342-2494

Report by Mayeve Tate.

Cohasset Home Brew Club

Tuesday, July 6th, 7pm CCA Building



Our June meeting went off without a hitch, and we were
studying blondes with great intensity...both ales and lagers.

Now, most beer is gold in color, and some folks take that for
granted. But folks who brew beer know how hard it is to
make beer that is crystal clear, gold, and packed with fla-
vor. Some brewers overdo it, trying to zing you with
hoppy bitterness. Some commercial beers are closer to
soda water.

We tasted about a dozen beers, one-third of them being
German lagers and Sierra Nevada SummerFest. The rest
were home brews.

Doug Menden, who won the Silver Dollar Fair 'Best in
Show' for one of his beers, brought in a gold lager he made
for his daughter's wedding. It was a deep gold color, crys-
tal clear, real soft and smooth, with a very floral hop aroma. This stuff was
like liquid sunshine. If you could uncork happiness and share it around, this
was it.

Our next meeting is Tuesday, July 6th, 7pm and we will be sampling ses-
sion beers – American style, light-bodied and meant to be drunk ice cold

Report by Eric Petersen



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 7-9pm Cohasset 2 Volunteer Fire Dept Mtg		3
4 10:30am Church Service Independence Day	5 <i>Reminder!</i>	6 7:00 - 9pm Brew Club	7	8 7-9pm CCA Board Mtg	9	10
11 10:30am Church Service 10:00am African Dance	12	13	14 12pm-2pm Commodities Distribution	15 7-9pm Cohasset Volunteer Fire Dept. Mtg	16 <i>Excellent</i>	17 Community Potluck Dinner 5:30—9pm
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