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- Oktoberfest Potluck
- Cohasset 4-H Fundraiser

What Does the Douglas-Fir Tree Have in Common with Ancient Hawaiians & a Ship Built in 1798?

The Douglas-fir is not a true fir like the white fir or red fir. Botanists had problems in classifying Douglas-firs in the 19th century due to their similarity to various other conifers. Because of its distinctive cones, Douglas-firs were finally placed in the new genus *Pseudotsuga* (meaning "false hemlock") in 1867. Actually Doug-fir cones look very similar to Hemlock cones only larger. The hyphen in the name tells you that it's not a true fir. Its common name was given to it in honor of the Scottish botanist David Douglas. Doug-fir has a "soft" look to its needles. From a distance, the tree looks somewhat lacy. The needles are short, soft and completely encircle the branches. A good way to tell Doug-firs from pines is that pine needles originate from bundles while Doug-fir needles grow directly from the branch. The true firs have upright cones that break apart on the tree, while Doug-fir cones fall to the ground intact. It has little 3-fingered hands (bracts) that stick out from the cone. A California Native American myth says that each three-ended bract is the tail and two tiny legs of a mouse that hid inside the scales of the tree's cones during forest fires, and the tree was kind enough to protect it until the fire was past. Its most used common name around here is Douglas-fir, but it's



often called Oregon Pine in Oregon. What do they know! The tree you see on Oregon license plates is the Doug-fir. It's also the state tree of Oregon.

Douglas-fir wood is one of the most important construction materials available because of its strong durable wood. If your house was built 50 or 60 years ago, Doug-fir was probably the wood used for framing. It is a very important ornamental and Christmas tree and is often called an "Old Fashioned" in Christmas tree lots. Coast Douglas-fir is one of the world's best timber producers and

yields more timber than any other tree in North America. It's extensively used in forestry as a plantation tree for timber in New Zealand, Europe and southern South America. It's also naturalized throughout Europe. The Aussies call it Oregon timber. In Argentina and Chile it's called Pino Oregón. In some areas of New Zealand it has become an invasive species subject to control measures.

It sure gets around; many years ago Native Hawaiians built wa'kaulua (double-hulled canoes) from mainland coast Douglas-fir logs that had drifted ashore. When the U.S. frigate Constitution (Old Ironsides) was built in 1798, it had Eastern white pine as its masts. In 1925 these masts had to be replaced, but there were no white pines tall enough to do the job. So guess what they used? Yep, it was the wood from Doug-fir.

While Doug-firs around here don't grow nearly as tall as those near the coast, I've seen some that are over 100 feet tall in the Deer Creek area. Coast Doug-firs can get to be over 300 feet tall. The tallest living Doug-fir is 326 feet tall and found in Coos County, Oregon! Only Coast Redwoods can reach greater heights, but not by all that much. The tallest Coast Redwood is 379 feet and is called Hyperion. The tree was discovered in Redwood National Park during the summer of 2006 by Chris Atkins and Michael Taylor and has been measured as the world's tallest living organism (but there may be taller ones not measured yet).

Report by Bob Tate





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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'm one of those people who likes to hold on to summer. I'm always hoping to extend those summer days into weeks well past Labor Day, basking in every last drop of the warm summer sun and enjoying the evenings with pals watching the sun go down over the coastal range out on our deck. This summer has been good to us, filled with casual gatherings of our local chums and reunion visits to meet with family and old friends. It's left me with lots of fun times and memories to cherish..

Like most of you, I've been going non-stop this summer, trying to keep up with interminable property maintenance and, as usual, I've been stressing out over everything from the spring blooms in our azalea and rose gardens to my vegetable garden and all the patches of annual and perennial summer flowers. My wild mountain zinnia displays exploded this year, as did the hollyhocks, foxgloves and abundant Shasta daisies. The dahlias, marigolds and mums are all coming in magnificently this summer and all my grasses and groundcovers are as happy as I've ever seen them. My hops have finally taken hold and are budding with delight, and the agapanthus and rose displays this year rivaled watching the July 4th fireworks in Red Bluff, Orland and Willows through binoculars from 30 miles away here on the ridge. (Our Independence day annual tradition)

From the CCA spring plant sale to the Annual Bazaar and the introduction of Bingo to Cohasset this summer, I've kept very busy but I think I'm running on empty and am ready to slow down and take a breather from all the splitting and stacking of wood and digging in the dirt. I'm ready to clean my woodstove pipes so I can fire it up again and sit back with a blanket, read a good book and sip some hot chocolate. I'm ready to pull out my lightweight fleece jackets, build a Friday night bonfire for friends and start serving hot toddies.

I'm truly ready this year for fall. I am going to enjoy the last days of September with our wonderful friends and our family, but when October comes I'll be ready to embrace a new month and the change of air on our ridge that marks the splendid autumn season coming.

I hope this finds you all in a good mood and appreciating our small mountain town as much as we have.

Farewell to the summer of 2010.

Mike DuFloth, Editor

Renew your Membership or Join the CCA Today

Check one: Basic \$20 Pine \$25 Oak \$50 Lifetime \$100

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Government & Police News

Supervisor News



by Maureen Kirk,
Butte County Supervisor, District 3

My husband and I just returned from a vacation to San Diego and Coronado. The weather was fabulous, and we went to a Padres/Rockies baseball game. The Rockies won, and it capped off a wonderful day. We enjoyed so many things down there, but we were happy to get home to Butte County. We all need to celebrate all that we have here – the relatively good traffic, clean air, parks, creeks, and friendly people.

It was interesting to read the San Diego paper. Their County is suffering financial woes many times worse than Butte County. They are also updating their General Plan, which also has not been updated since 1978. They are faced with similar challenges. The rural areas are proposed to go to zoning of larger sizes. This is much like parts of Butte County. Their biggest reason is due to the wildfire/urban interface. Ours is also due to fire considerations, delivery of services, and the preservation of Ag land. This is a reminder to check your proposed zoning on the Butte County website.

This seems to be the year of the bear throughout California. Besides the Chico ER, I have read about them in the Sacramento Bee and the San Diego paper. We know that they have been challenges here in Butte County. I have a friend who has a cabin in Tahoe. She walked in to find a mess in the kitchen and looked up to see a huge bear in her cabin. She ran out and closed the door, which locked the bear in. The bear was so scared that it broke a window to get out. Make sure your yard is as bear proof as possible. I am not sure when they hibernate, but I hope it is soon.

We have been terribly lucky with our fire situation this year. Part of it is due to the mild weather, but I like to think that people are getting smarter and taking the proper steps to prevent fires. We can't control lightning or PG&E gas lines, but there are a lot of steps to take which have been in this newsletter before.

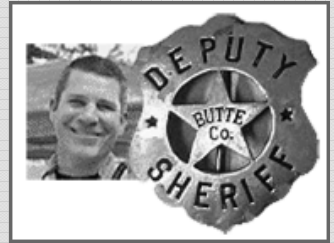
When I was five, my Dad taught me the world's shortest poem by Ogden Nash. It is called "Fleas" The lines are Adam

Had 'em. It still makes me smile.

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Police Beat

by Butte County Sheriff's Deputy
Doug Patterson



On 09-10-10, during the early morning hours, the Butte County Sheriff's Marijuana Unit raided a very challenging and sophisticated marijuana grow located along Mud Creek in Cohasset.

During aerial observations in early September, deputies located the marijuana grow, which was sandwiched between



steep basalt cliffs to the east and west.

Deputies from the Marijuana Unit were able to scale and hike down the canyon walls and eradicate

5,628 mature marijuana plants from the garden. The plants were anywhere from 2 feet to 8 feet tall and were being watered by drip lines and supply lines that had been placed into Mud Creek. It appears the suspects had chiseled basalt rock from sections of Mud Creek in order to increase water flow by a gravity fed system.

Several trails made by the suspects were located and a kitchen, camp, and marijuana processing area were found. No suspects were located, and it appears the suspects were tied to Mexican drug cartels based on evidence collected at the scene.

After the eradication of the Mud Creek marijuana garden, deputies from the Marijuana Unit were flown to the northwest of the Cohasset radio towers located off Cohasset Road to eradicate another illegal marijuana grow. Once on scene, deputies located 1,452 mature marijuana plants also planted by subjects working for Mexican drug cartels based on evidence located at the scene. Many of the plants had already been harvested and transported out of the area.

The Butte County Sheriff's Marijuana Unit wishes everyone to be safe while enjoying our forests. Many arrests have been made of Mexican nationals that are armed in these marijuana grows. Please be safe and leave the area immediately if you locate an illegal marijuana grow.

Report by Detective Patterson: dpatterson@buttecounty.net

Community News

Membership News

Living in a small mountain community isn't the same as living in a large town like Chico. With so few residents, every single contribution makes a huge difference. We appreciate all those who have so generously supported the CCA through their membership contributions. We also appreciate all those who so tirelessly contribute their time and labor to CCA-sponsored events and projects.

The membership committee is planning a membership letter campaign to give all those who missed the bazaar or the membership breakfast another opportunity to join or renew their membership in the CCA. Look for a letter along with a membership coupon to be delivered soon. All you have to do is fill out the coupon and mail it back in along with your check.

We are hoping to see our membership swell so that we can continue to help make our community a great place to call home!.

Recent Membership Renewals

Bryan and Dana Hanson ✦ Diamond
Patrick and Katie Henson ✦ Diamond
John and Phyllis Polsan ✦ Diamond
Frank Bayham ✦ Gold
Gail Compton ✦ Basic renewal
Bob Eicher ✦ Basic renewal

Thank you for your support!

Membership Reports by Janice Lee

Kudos for Paint

A big thank you to Steve and Gayle Jaarsma (of Expressions by M&T) for their contribution of paint for the picnic tables. Below are works in progress.

Anyone interested in helping with the following projects, please call Mayeve at 342-2494

1. Painting the kitchen
2. Acquiring and spreading wood chips over the new septic drain site.
3. Cleaning out the CCA Office
4. Painting the office

Report by Mayeve Tate



Cohasset 4-H Fundraiser

October 7th - 5 to 9 PM

The new 2010-2011 season of Cohasset 4-H is underway. This year, we are excited about the great line-up of 4-H projects and a superb staff of 4-H leaders in Sewing, Arts & Crafts, Food, Hiking, Metal Fabrication, Swine, and Horses. This year's elected officers are:

President	Zoe Conkey-Wiebelhaus
Vice President	Danielle Hedglin
Secretary	Justin Minter
Treasurer	Natalie Clawson
Historian	Jacinda Myre

4-H Fund-raiser! Come on down to Round Table Pizza on Thursday, October 7th, from 5-9 PM for dinner and dessert! Round Table will donate 20% of your total purchase to the Cohasset 4-H. Simply mention Cohasset 4-H when you place your order or bring the coupon below. If you want dessert, 4-H members will be selling some tasty desserts too. Tell your friends and neighbors to come on down and support the Cohasset 4-H kids. Hope to see you there!

If anyone is interested in joining the Cohasset 4-H, there is still time to join in on the fun. We meet on the first Monday of every month at the Cohasset Community Association building at 7:00 pm. If you have any questions, please contact Cohasset 4-H Club Leader, Midge Vander Velden at 343-7332.



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: Thursday, October 7, 2010

Time: 5 to 9 pm

**Round Table Pizza (Almond Orchard)
2201 Pillsbury Road • Chico**

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



Community News




For Kids Only



Children's



Halloween Day Carnival

Saturday, October 30th  Noon-3pm

Calling all Young Ghosts and Ghouls of Cohasset!



“Trunk or Treat”—also known as Halloween Tailgating—is the alternative to Trick-or-Treating. Everyone is invited to dress in costume, decorate their vehicle in a Halloween theme, and hand out candy to all the little ghosts and goblins that dare to scare!

Halloween is just around the corner, and the success of last year's carnival has prompted us to do it for the kids again. We could never have done it without all our generous friends and neighbors, and we're hoping for your continued support this year. We will need plenty of cakes for the popular cake walk, and cupcakes for the cupcake decorating table. The children really enjoyed the coin hunt last year—any spare change would be greatly appreciated, even pennies! Help with decorations, vending, the crafts table and other games is also needed. If you can help with any of these items, please call Linda Forrister at 899-2763.

Miss Alice and company are planning music for the event. We will all boogie with her band for some real monster mashing! As usual, costumes will be judged for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place prizes.

Our “Trunks for Treats” event last year provided a safe and fun place for our little ones to trick-or-treat here on the hill. I'm hopeful for more adult participation this year, as most of our children cannot travel to Chico for Halloween events. It's fun for all ages! So come on over with your Halloween-decorated vehicles and help give our Cohasset kids a thrill!

To donate candy or volunteer time, please call Linda Forrester 899-2763

Report by Linda Forrister 

CCA Building Leach Field Work Completed

Work on the new leach field at the CCA building has been completed.

The contractor's intention to install the new field to the rear of the building was altered when the county engineer decided it should be installed in front of the building where he felt there were fewer trees to interfere with the lines. This alteration required a lot of extra trenching & tight line to be laid, which could have really driven up the cost of the project.



The good news is that Richard, from R&R Horn, the contractor on the job, stepped up and absorbed all the costs for the extra time and

trenching involved and only charged the CCA for the cost of the additional pipe required, which was \$200. R&R Horn also hauled away the roots that had been removed and graded the grounds for no extra charge. We really appreciate their great work and generosity to the CCA.

Since the front grounds were torn up to do the trenching and fresh dirt was spread out over the grade, we now have a bit of a mud problem.

If anyone in the community has any material such as small wood chips to spread over the grounds, please contact a board member.

It should also be noted that codes required risers with observation ports be installed on the end of each leach line. In order to protect the observation ports as well as the leach lines, driving on the grounds in front of the building can no longer be allowed

Report by Janice Lee



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Community News

Cohasset *Neighborhood Watch* Report



West African Rhythms & Dance

Learn all about West African music. Have fun, meet old friends and make new acquaintances. Dance to great West African music with hosts Lansana & 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 October 10th & 24th.

For more info, call Ruth: 891-3481.



Church News

Everyone is invited to attend the Cohasset Neighborhood Church 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 the church opens their the food pantry for those in need.

For more information, questions or comments call Pastor Brian Hall at 530 343-8479

Events & October Calendar

October Pot Luck



Aumerksam!

Oktober Fest is the theme for our Potluck dinner the 16th of October at 5:30 at the CCA building. Bring your favorite Wiener schnitzel, sauerbraten, pork roast, knockwurst, bratwurst, German potato salad and stollen! Put on your lederhosen and eat large!

You can find some great German recipes at Cooks.com. Type in "German food" in the search box.

Report by Mayeve Tate

Brew Club Meets on October 5th, 7 PM

The Brown Ale meeting was a great event for the Cohasset Brew Club. One new brewer brought his just ready beer for tasting and found out that everyone liked it. Nothing like a first time success to encourage more brewing. There was discussion on the different styles of Brown Ale and what makes a Brown Ale verses an Amber Ale, with the appropriate samples to compare. Even some fruit flavored Brown Ales showed up, but no more chamomile flavored beer, which was enjoyed at the August meeting.



Next month, on October 5th, it will be time to taste Mazen/Oktoberfest beers. See you there.

Report by David Westphal, leastrise@att.net or call 530-343-4951.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 10:30am Church Service	4 7-8pm Cohasset 4-H Meeting	5 7-9pm Brew Club	6	7 7-9pm Cohasset Volunteer Fire Dept Mtg	8	9
10 10:30am Church Service 10:00am African Dance	11	12 5-6pm School Acquisition Meeting	13 12pm-2pm Commodities Distribution	14 7-9pm CCA Board Mtg	15	16 5:30-9pm Community Pot- luck Dinner: German recipes
17 10:30am Church Service	18	19 8pm Emergency Pre- paredness Mtg	20 <i>Hot!</i>	21 7-9pm Cohasset Volunteer Fire	22 <i>Excellent</i>	23 7-9pm CCA Bingo & OktoberFeast
24 10:30am Church Service 10:00am Africa Dance	25	26	27	28	29	30 Noon to 3pm Kids Halloween Carnival
31 10:30am Church Service						<i>Reminder!</i>

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BINGO! & OKTOBERFEST



Saturday October 23rd

Come enjoy the savory delicacies of the Oktoberfest season prior to playing CCA Bingo on Saturday, October 23, 2010.

Starting at 5 pm, feast on traditional Oktoberfest hearty fare, such as Würstl sausages along with Brezn Pretzel and other Bavarian delicacies. Call 893-5432 to pre-order/RSVP for an Oktoberfest meal prior to Bingo.

Bingo card sales start at 6 pm, and games start at 7pm. Bring your Bingo good luck charms, and bring a friend, because the more players there are, the bigger the payouts! Bingo packages are \$10, which include 6 (six) bingo cards for each of the 8 games. Plus, there will be a surprise for two lucky Bingo players!

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.

Report by Daniel Botsford