

Newsletter



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Foxes are Frolicking in Cohasset

Almost everyone living up here has seen a grey fox or two in the flesh or as road kill. A few years ago they were scarce here because of widespread disease, but they seem to have survived it and come back in large numbers.

The name "grey fox" is confusing because these foxes are not entirely grey. They're often mistaken for the red fox because of their red undersides and legs and paws. While red foxes exist in California, few reside in our parts. Grey foxes have a thick, long body set on relatively short legs and a long and very bushy tail. Male

grey foxes are slightly larger than females.

The grey fox ranges from southern Canada to Venezuela in South America. Only a few populations exist south of the United States. They are found in a large variety of habitats, even in and around urban areas.

Grey foxes pretty much eat anything they can catch, including small mammals and wild birds, as well as insects, fruit and vegetation. Some tend to favor insects, some eat more vegetation, and some eat more meat, depending on what is available as prey. They rarely prey on our domestic fowl but will if they can find an easy chicken dinner. They are nocturnal and crepuscular (that's biologist jargon for being active around dawn and dusk). They tend to hunt more at

night, and that's when we see them most often.

There's no divorce in the grey fox world because a pair mates for life, and form a range together. Grey foxes, though not as territorial as red foxes, still maintain a territory and mark it off regularly with the usual peeing and pooping rituals. After mating, the female fox, called a vixen, gives birth some 2 months later to 4-10 all-black young, called kits, in an underground den which was dug by some other animal, though grey fox dens can also be located in trees. The kits are weaned in 6 weeks, and hunt on their own at 4 months. The young foxes usually disperse at one year.

Now here is the interesting behavior of the grey fox: These foxes are unique in their cat-like ability to climb trees. They can climb like a squirrel (well almost) and have long, sharp, hooked claws and can easily jump from limb to limb. When they come down they back down like a black bear.

There are many predators of the grey fox including coyotes, eagles and even the great horned owl. Trapping large numbers of grey foxes for fur in some other states take thousands, but their populations are not in decline.

Report by Bob Tate



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



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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).

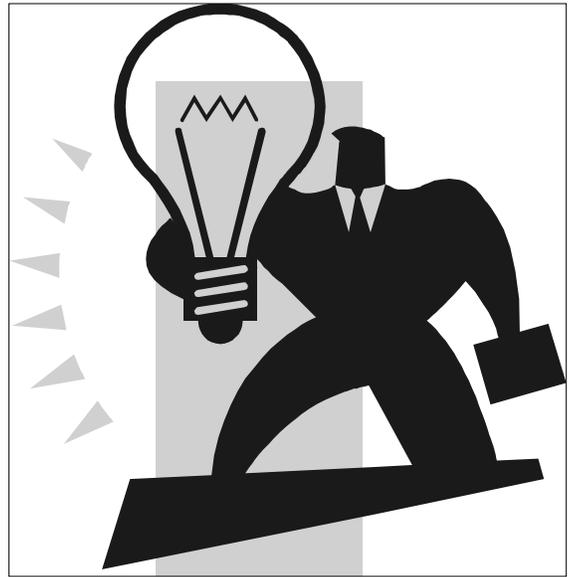
For more information, call 893-1616, email info@cohassetcommunity.org, or view the CCA rental agreement at:



CCA Home Page

Looking for a Good Time?

Our unique little foothill village of fewer than 400 homes is spread out over 12 miles of incredibly beautiful ridge terrain ranging from chaparral to the rain forest, but all that space we cherish in between neighbors still isn't keeping community-minded Cohasset ridge residents from coming together.



There's an extraordinary and enthusiastic community spirit that's spreading like Scotch broom through our neck of the woods this year. This remarkable and contagious spirit is manifesting itself in the form of passionate volunteers with a shared devotion toward the well being, both now and in the future, of our distinctive rural community.

It should come as no surprise that Cohasset is home to some extremely talented and gifted people. They are finding niches to perform an array of critical CCA volunteer tasks perfectly suited to their individual strengths. Matching talent with the tasks at hand is a force almost as potent as everyone being united toward making Cohasset a better place to live. All indications point to a banner year for the CCA, perfect for celebrating our 40th birthday and an ideal time for you also to match your expertise with one of our many ongoing community volunteer projects this year. There's no shortage of committees or projects to choose from, so we're confident you will easily find a place to happily contribute your legacy.

Volunteering for the Cohasset Community Association is a whole lot more than just making a contribution ... it's a gratifying and pleasant experience where everyone has a good time doing their community duty.

Do yourself a favor and join us this year for some fun community service and neighborly camaraderie. You'll love it!

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: _____

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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

Happy New Year. I hope that 2010 will be more prosperous for all of us. It is starting out nicely with some rain and sun. This is the time of year when the Cohasset foothills are sunny and Chico is bathed in fog.

The Board of Supervisors recently passed a moratorium to ban operation of any existing or the opening of any new medical marijuana dispensaries for at least 45 days. The County Attorney's office will investigate dispensaries and provide the Supervisors with a recommendation on "when, where, and if" the County should authorize their operation. Presently, there is no zoning which would allow it. This moratorium can be extended for 22 months.

Sheriff Jerry Smith and District Attorney Mike Ramsey both believe that dispensaries are illegal. This does not preclude the intent of Proposition 15. Marijuana can still be grown for medical personal use with a prescription from a medical doctor. Nor does it prohibit collectives where several patients join in a growing effort.

Sheriff Doug Patterson has had extensive experience with illegal grows. I am sure he will agree that the whole issue is very complex. It is anticipated that there will be several marijuana initiatives on the November ballot. Stay tuned.

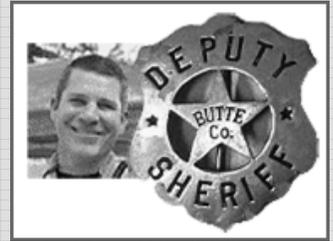
The other issue for the Board is the General Plan. Please check the county website at www.buttegeneralplan.net Then, click on Proposed 2030 Zoning and input your address or parcel number. You will be able to see if the designation is the same or different from your present designation. Please call me if you have an unanticipated change.

Again, let's hope for rain followed by sunny days.

◆ mkirk@buttecounty.net ◆ 891-2800

Police Beat

by Butte County Sheriff's
Deputy Doug Patterson



I hope all of Cohasset had a wonderful Christmas and Happy New Year. It's been a while since I have written in the Cohasset Newsletter due to the holidays. I would like to advise the Cohasset residences of the calls to service that the sheriff's department has received from December 1st 2009 – January 8th 2110.

- 12/08/09 – Transfer to Cal-Fire on Maple Creek Ranch Road
- 12/11/09 – 911 call from the 17000 block of Musty Buck Road. Open telephone line with static heard.
- 12/12/09 – Log entry on Cohasset x Roe Road – A reporting party is advising of shooting near the trailer park or the store. The reporting party advises it is possible target practice but can hear subjects yelling, hooting, and hollering.
- 12/12/09 – Cohasset Village Mobile Estates. A reporting party received a telephone call from a tenant stating they were afraid to leave their trailer(s) because of the shooting being done by neighbors.
- 12/12/09 – Attempted homicide in the 10600 block of Cohasset Road. Reporting party(s) were woken up by the sound of shots being fired in the sleeping area of his trailer. The reporting party later called back and advised the sheriff's department he located several holes in the trailer all around the sleeping area of the trailer. Report taken with an open investigation.
- 12/15/09 – 10200 block of Cohasset Road. A reporting party advised that she and her ex-husband were involved in an argument. The line disconnected and there was no answer on call back. Report taken and both parties contacted.
- 12/17/09 – Coroner's case in the 8400 block of Cohasset Road. Report taken and my condolences go out to the family.
- 12/21/09 – Unknown area in Cohasset. A reporting party found a bag of opened mail on the side of the road and dropped it off at the post office on Vallombrosa Avenue, Chico.
- 12/26/09 – Transfer to Cal-Fire on Brooks Drive.
- 12/28/09 – Cohasset Village Mobile Estates. Intentional overdose and subject taken to Enloe Hospital then Butte County Mental Health for treatment. Report taken.
- 12/30/09 – Cohasset Road x Kidwell Pines Drive. A reporting party advises he can hear gunfire, possibly automatic gunfire.
- 12/31/09 - 6600 block of Cohasset Road. A reporting party states that two boxes of checks were stolen. The reporting party became aware of the theft after the bank made contact. Report taken with an open investigation.
- 12/31/09 – Cohasset Road x Limpach. A reporting party advises that a shotgun is being fired for the last hour.
- 01/02/10 – Cohasset Road x Hollow Oak Dr. Transfer to Cal-Fire.

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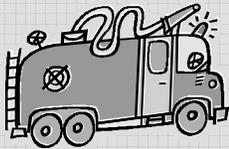
Cohasset School Still Sits Empty, Vandalized and Abandoned



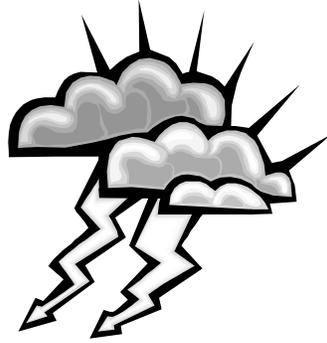
The School Acquisition Committee has been very busy holding several meetings over the past month to develop a strategy for acquiring or using the abandoned school property. They are making positive progress with CUSD and hope to have more news for the next CCA Newsletter.

The "Old Grunt" to Return Home

Liz Weber of the Cohasset Volunteer Fire Dept. notified the CCA and the Cohasset Historical Society about an opportunity to buy back our fire engines from Butte County for the agreed upon one dollar payment.



Board Member Bob Hursh is taking the lead for the CCA on acquiring both our 1952 engine as well as our 1970 engine. If successful the plan is to add the 1952 "Old Grunt" to the Cohasset Historical Society's stash of goodies for our museum and then to sell off or donate the stripped down, but running, 1970 engine to interested parties.



A Note from the CCA Emergency Preparedness Committee

While we have had a mild winter so far, we still have several months to go. Here's a quick review of the basics of:

Preparing for Winter Storms

- Have 3-5 days of non-perishable food on hand for you and your family.
- Have a gallon of drinking water for each person in your home for at least 3 days, and preferably enough for 5 days.
- Make sure that you have an alternate cooking source if you have an electric stove, unless you have a generator. If you are going to rely on an outside-type cooking source, DO NOT bring it in to use it indoors.
- Have enough medication, both prescription and over-the-counter, on hand for at least 1 week.
- Have enough food and water for your large and small animals.
- Do you have a fully charged fire extinguisher?
- Do you have a battery powered radio, a battery powered flashlight or lantern and enough spare batteries to keep them operating as needed for up to 7 days?
- Do you have an old-fashioned, non-electric telephone?
- Have you checked the tread on your tires? Are they rated for mud and snow? Do you have the correct size snow chains for your vehicles and do you know how to put them on?
- Have you checked your windshield wipers to see if they need replacement? Make certain that your windshield wiper solution is the type that won't freeze. Make certain that you have anti-freeze in all your vehicles' radiators.
- If you have a generator, have you checked the fluid levels and started it recently to make certain that it is running correctly?
- If you have children and are not home if we have an outage, do they know what to do and who to contact for help?

These are just a few things for you to consider. Remember, if you have someone who would need assistance, or you are someone who would need help, please contact one of the E.P.C. members to give us your name, phone number and address.

Until next month, take care and be safe.

Here are the names of a few E.P.C. members to contact if needed:

Linda Hartsong 891-8337

Kathy Lawson 343-1479

Liz Weber:891-3337

Report by Maggie Krehbiel: 342-6547

Cohasset Community News



Cohasset 4-H Club Fun Night 2010

The biggest event for Butte County 4-H is fast approaching: **4-H Fun Night 2010**. This year's event will be held on Saturday, February 6th, at the Commercial Building, Silver Dollar Fairgrounds, from 4 pm to 8:30 pm. There will be games for kids of all ages, a great Silent Auction, food and prizes. You can get tickets from any Cohasset 4-H member for \$2.00 per ticket, or call 343-7332. Tickets are tax deductible.

A few other dates to mark on your calendar:

Saturday, March 13th — St. Patrick's Dinner, 5pm- 9pm, Community Center. Look for more information in the March Newsletter.

Tuesday, April 13th — Cohasset 4-H Pizza Night at Round Table, at 5 pm. Look for more information in the April Newsletter.

Thank you all for supporting Cohasset 4-H!

Report by Midge Vander Velden



Photo from last year's Fun Night

Kneeling, left to right:
Justin Minter, Danielle Hedglin,
Zoe Conkey Wiebelhaus,
Conner Gehrke.

Standing, left to right:
Iliana Conkey Wiebelhaus,
Gage Conkey Wiebelhaus

2010 Calendars



The Cohasset Historical Society is proud and pleased to announce 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

Police Beat continued ...

01/02/10 – Cohasset Village Mobile Estates. Eviction.

01/06/10 – 8900 block of Cohasset Road. Eviction.

01/08/10 – 9700 block of Cohasset Road. A reporting party located a large quantity of mail stuffed in a culvert. Some of the mail appears to be opened Christmas mail.

As you can see, one of the most disturbing calls is the shooting of the occupied trailer on 12/12/09. Evidence was located at the scene and a reward is being offered by the victim for the arrest and conviction of the suspect(s). This is an active and open case.

Another trend that I see is the theft of mail. We had a rash a year ago and it has now picked up again, more than likely due to the holiday season with money and/or gift cards being mailed. I cannot state enough how important post office boxes are. With many homeowners having mail boxes along Cohasset Road, Vilas Road, etc., it is easy pickings for criminals. Identity theft is easy to

achieve with the theft of credit card information, credit card "checks," and other personal information sent through the mail. The only down side is the cost of a post office box and the trouble of driving to Chico to retrieve one's mail. However, if you have ever been a victim of identify theft and spent the countless hours on the telephone trying to "clear" your name, a post office box is worth it. Another option is a US Post Office approved locking mail box that is fortified. Please check with your local postal carrier for the rules and regulations on these boxes.

I would also like to make a change in my voice mail number due to some issues I have had with it. 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

Community News

Church News

Here we are at the end of the first decade and starting into the second decade of the 21st century. As I reflect on that, I think about the history of the Cohasset Church; so, here is a short history of the church:

The first church in Cohasset was started in 1897 and was located adjacent to the Mt Pleasant Cemetery on Harvey Rd.; in those days churches were near cemeteries. Worship was held in the church until the 1920s. In the 1920s the Sugar Pines, which had been in high demand, had been mostly logged off the ridge, mills closed and hard economic times came to Cohasset; people left the area and the church closed. In the early 1940s the community began to recover and church was held where the current Cohasset Community Association building stands. In 1945 Mr. and Mrs. Sam Sorenson donated a building they owned to be used as a church; the church is still in that building, although many improvements have been made over the years. The old Sorenson family property is located across the street from the church and is still being used as a residence by a Sorenson heir, Janean Minter and her family.

The church is still being primarily used as a place of worship on Sunday mornings, where community residents, and others, of course, can come and join in a time of fellowship, teaching and looking at and reflecting on the word of God, the Bible. 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 ministry to the community is supported and paid for by the members of the church. In addition to the food items, in 2009 the church distributed 50 gift cards for \$20.00 each, 25 for Thanksgiving and 25 for Christmas. Raley's also donates day-old bakery goods for each food pantry day.

As always, all are invited to attend our Sunday services, and those in need, our food pantry days. If anyone has any questions or comments my phone line is open, 343-8479.

Report by Pastor Brian Hall



CCA Building Has a Guardian Angel

Bob Hursh was able to get McMahon's Pump Shop to repair our failing water pump. Fortunately it didn't cost an arm and a leg, just \$123.30. Bob is going to buy some foam tube insulation to wrap around the pipes so that this does not happen again. He also said that now he has a good understanding of how the system works for the next time havoc strikes again

We owe a dept of gratitude to Bob for his timely and knowledgeable help for not only the pump but also for his constant volunteer vigilance taking on the electrical nightmare he inherited, getting the generators working for the EPC and his help every day maintaining our community center while still keeping up with all his other volunteer commitments to the CCA.

Kudos and sincere thanks to Bob!

CCA Membership Growing

Special acknowledgments for the following Cohassians who have joined and/or renewed their Cohasset Community Association memberships since November 2009:

Dave Campbell
Larry and Bev Chandler
Steve Clements
Jon Coffman
Stephan L. Coffman
Dan DeWayne & Christine Myers – Life
Corey Emmerson
John and Joyce Forberg
Bruce & Penny Gallaway – Diamond Life
Amy Huberland
Steven and Amber Irvine
Josilyn Johns
Perry and Gail Johnson
Janean and Rob Minter
Betty Murray
Camille (Millie) and John Stutz
Earl and Debra Watson – Life
Shirley White
Mark and Lia White
Michelle White-Garcia and Tim Garcia

Report by Mayve Tate

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.

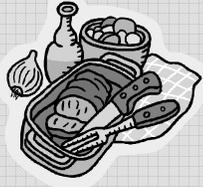


Upcoming Events & February Calendar

Community Potluck February 20th "Creative Meatloaf"

Don't miss the ultimate comfort food potluck: MEATLOAF is what's on the menu at the next community potluck at 5:30 on Saturday, February 20th.

I've eaten meatloaf all over the US and in some other counties as well. There are dozens of variations and no "standard" recipe, and they're all good. I've even had it with Spam thrown in as a mystery ingredient. Be creative! See what you can think up and bring that meatloaf to February's potluck.



Report by Bob Tate

Browse for Books and Slurp Soups Saturday, February 27th, 11 AM –2 PM

What could be better on a winter day in February than a visit to the community center for some yummy soups combined with browsing for new books to take home and read?



We'll see all bibliophiles and soup aficionados Saturday, February 27th, between 11 am and 2 pm.

Call Linda at 891-8337 to donate books for this event or to participate in the soup extravaganza.



Cohasset Home Brew Club

The Cohasset Brew Club is off to a fabulous start.. Ten members for the first meeting and more for the second is a great turnout. Thanks to everyone who brought beers to sample the thirsty group had some very interesting and delicious offerings.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 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 Cohasset 4-H Meeting	9 5-6pm Cohasset School Acquisition Cmt	10 12pm-2pm Commodities Distribution	11	12	13
14 10am-12pm West African Rhythms/Dance 10:30am Church Service	15	16 <i>Reminder!</i>	17	18 7-9pm Cohasset Volunteer Fire Dept. Mtg	19	20 <i>Hot!</i> 5:30-9pm Community Potluck Dinner
21 10:30am Church Service	22	23	24	25	26 <i>Don't Forget</i>	27 11am-2pm Books & Soups
28 10am-12pm West African Rhythms/Dance 10:30am Church Service	<i>Excellent</i>					

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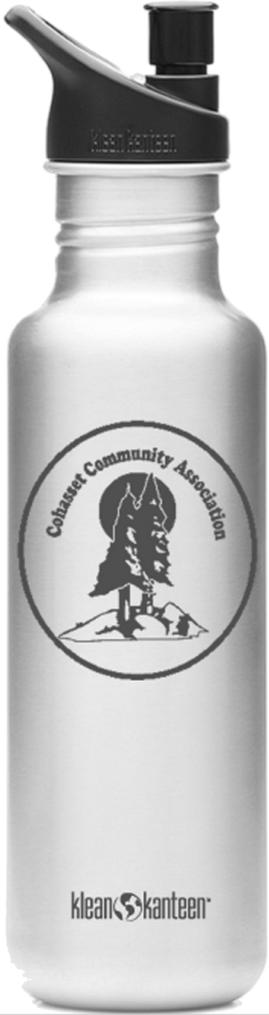
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2010 Calendar

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

**The Custom Cohasset Klean Kanteen is available for just \$17.00
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