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Sugar Pine: Monarch of the Pine Forest

Sugar Pine, my favorite tree, still grows individually all around Cohasset. It's not as common now as the Ponderosa Pine in our area but was very numerous in the past. In fact, the fine stands of Sugar Pine here attracted the first settlers to the ridge in the late 1850s as loggers. Most of the mills in Cohasset were set up to cut Sugar Pine. It was the most desirable of the pines due to its straight clear lower trunk and fine, light, easily worked wood. It takes its name from the sap, which is supposed to be sweeter than cane sugar. Muir called it the king of the conifers and stated that he liked the taste of its sap better than maple syrup. Go figure! It has the longest cones of any conifer. These are often 16 inches long (or longer) and easily give it away. Beware! The green cone can weigh in excess of 2 pounds. Thankfully only a few green cones fall. Even the opened cones can put a dent in your head if you're under one when it falls!

In *A Historical Geography of Cohasset Ridge*, several pages are devoted to logging the Sugar Pine and the fact that many of the early homes here and in Chico were constructed of Sugar Pine lumber. The gold found at the mill in Coloma that started the gold rush in 1848 was built to cut Sugar Pine.

There is a spectacular sugar pine on Hollow Oak and many large Sugar Pines here and there in Cohasset. Quite a few can be seen on the road from Campbellville to Deer Creek.

The range of this tree is fairly limited to California and Oregon. A few stands are also located in Baja California and Northwestern Mexico. It's the fourth largest tree after the Coast and Sierra Redwoods and the Douglas Fir. Historical records reported it to grow to a height exceeding



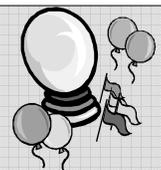
200 feet with a diameter of over 10 feet, though now it would be hard to find a Sugar Pine over 120 feet in height. But you never know....

It has its share of diseases and insect problems. The most severe disease is a fungus called the White Pine Blister Rust, which like a lot of our street tree and forest problems was accidentally introduced into this country. The blister rust needs a plant called gooseberry as an alternate host to survive. The rust cannot spread from tree to tree. In the past the US Forest Service had large eradication programs to remove both native and introduced gooseberry plants from Sugar Pine stands. It was found that the vast range and extent of native gooseberry just could not be totally eradicated, so the program was discontinued.

Report by Bob Tate



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CCA Newsletter

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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?



It's been a challenging summer for the CCA. Among other things, we're facing enormous expenses maintaining our community center. From replacing our septic system to rebuilding our stage, and hundreds of smaller items in between means our long-term savings account is in jeopardy of being significantly depleted. Our nest egg could be put in a vulnerable position for the first time in years if we should encounter anymore untimely but necessary large emergency expenses.

As well, we've had an extremely large community uproar about what is being mostly characterized to the CCA board as harassment from a California Highway Patrol officer. It appears that both anger and fear have permeated some of the community's sense of well being and as a result an investigation will ensue. The outcome of the investigation will hopefully restore confidence and relieve the fear and anger issues many folks have complained about to the board of directors. We're confident the good folks in charge of law enforcement will get to the bottom of this issue.

No matter what the investigation's outcome is, we suggest, if you would like to avoid costly tickets, that you set your cruise control for 50 MPH coming up the hill and keep your vehicles in low gear going down so as to avoid drifting over the speed limit and getting caught in the unusually frequent speed traps lying in wait the last few months. Also being vigorously enforced are the 35 MPH zones along the ridge, and even if you never go to town, your vehicle is subject to being stopped for equipment and registration violations locally. So, slowing down a bit and taking a trip to DMV and the auto parts store for those folks who want to avoid confrontation with the CHP is highly recommended.

The good news is our 40th Annual Bazaar and Music Festival, coming up on August 7th. I'm especially fond of buying raffle tickets for a cord of wood and supporting the bake sale (yum yum), and I'm happy to report that most everyone on last year's Diamond Bazaar sponsor list has again contributed to make sure the Bazaar profits revitalize the CCA coffers for the coming year. If you would like to add your family name to the list of generous community-minded Diamond sponsors, please give me a call.

The 40th Annual Bazaar is certain to be a wonderful day for camaraderie and neighborly good vibes, and we hope to see you all in attendance.

Until then, I leave you with a quote that inspires me to serve on the CCA board and publish our newsletter each month.

"Nothing great was ever achieved without enthusiasm."

Ralph Waldo Emerson

Mike Dufloth, Editor

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Cohasset Community News



Butte County Supervisor News

by Maureen Kirk,
Butte County Supervisor, District 3

As I write this, we are one week past the 4th of July. After Christmas, that was my favorite holiday as a child. We always had big neighborhood BBQs and games, and then we all went to Greenlake (in Seattle) to watch the fireworks. Since I have become an adult it means so much more to me. It is absolutely amazing that 56 brave men signed the Declaration of Independence and then convinced others to fight for freedom. As they say, "Freedom is not free." I am even more aware of what the holiday means since our son is serving in the Navy. We should remember the men and women who serve our country many more days than 4th of July and Memorial Day. "Liberty means responsibility. That is why most men dread it." *George Bernard Shaw*

We have had some challenges in Cohasset as far as the Highway Patrol. Captain Gillingwater is a fair and honest man, and he will work with our community to restore confidence in the Highway Patrol.

Be happy that you are up on a hill. The north Chico area is faced with a FEMA decision that could mean expensive flood insurance. We are working feverishly with the City of Chico to certify the levies that were built by the Federal Army Corps of Engineers.

We interviewed some terrific candidates for Chief Administrative Officer for our County. We have had interims for about two years and really need someone in this position. I am hoping we will be able to hire a CAO in the near future.

We have had one challenge of which you should be aware. A citizen put in a windmill to generate power and even sell electricity back to PG&E. He went through the building department and got all the proper permits, etc. Lo and behold, it has become a nuisance to the neighbors because it is quite loud and creates some kind of a pressure gradient which also bothers neighbors. So, we are working on an ordinance that would allow windmills in certain areas but will not be allowed if they affect the neighbors. There is always something...

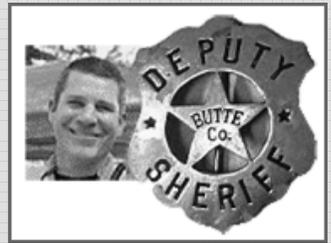
John Wooden, the celebrated basketball coach from UCLA, recently died. He was renowned for teaching life skills. One of his quotes. "Make every day your masterpiece."

Stay cool. I will see you at the Festival in August. I love that event – the food, baked goods, plants, music and ambiance. See you there.

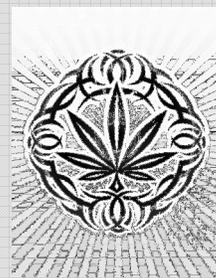
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Police Beat

by Butte County
Sheriff's Deputy
Doug Patterson



Several weeks ago I was asked to write information on Proposition 215 laws that would benefit the Cohasset community that is growing medical marijuana. Seeing that I will be working full time in the marijuana unit of the Sheriff's Department in the next couple of weeks, I feel the timing is right.



Proposition 215 is a very straightforward law. If your doctor feels that marijuana can help your severe medical ailment or an ailment that would be helped with the use of marijuana, that doctor may write you a recommendation for the use of medical marijuana. It is not called a prescription but a recommendation. A prescription is controlled federally, and the federal government does not recognize medical marijuana. Once you obtain your recommendation your doctor can recommend how much marijuana to consume weekly. The doctor cannot recommend how many plants you may grow.

Butte County used to have a guideline of 6 mature plants (when you know the sex of the plant) or 12 immature plants; however, the Kelly decision ruled plant amounts unconstitutional. The law clearly states that you may grow a plant count that would yield enough marijuana for one year to help your medical needs. Butte County highly recommends that you stick to the 6 mature or 12 immature plant count. Any good grower knows that 6 mature marijuana plants will give a person plenty of marijuana for one year. Any more than that would raise eyebrows within the Sheriff's Department.

You may not give, sell, trade, etc. your excess marijuana.

Next month I will explain what constitutes a caregiver, what a collective is, and point out some problems with the upcoming November ballot initiative regarding recreational use of marijuana.

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

Cohasset Community News



President's Message

Summer Greetings! Saturday, August 7th marks the 40th year of the Cohasset Community Association, so I am truly honored to be the chairperson for this year's Cohasset Bazaar and Music Festival, and to serve as the 2010-11 President of the Board of Directors for the Cohasset Community Association.

The CCA was founded by citizens who acknowledged the absolute necessity of a Volunteer Fire Department; in addition there was the desire to have a building and grounds that serviced the entire community. While over the years the two entities were separated, they both continue to remain equally important to our community. With that said, let's not forget about the Cohasset Volunteer Fire Department, and also take this opportunity to recognize their hard work and dedication, every one of them—past and present.

Moving forward, here we are forty years later, a lot has changed and now more than ever, it's important that we all support this local community, because it is here for YOU and includes many associated services and activities that we all enjoy and benefit from.

The Bazaar provides the perfect opportunity to enjoy a delightful day starting with a parade of classic cars, live music, the Cohasset Historical Society, a quilt raffle, craft vendors, great food, and drinks, to name a few of the fun activities planned.

Most important, become a member, and if you are already a member then consider becoming a lifetime member. If you are a lifetime member, please renew and become a "sustaining lifetime member."

Where else does this happen? Powered by the people and for the people — 100% OF YOUR FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS DIRECTLY BENEFIT THE CCA, THERE ARE ABSOLUTELY NO ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES. It is vitally important that everyone understands how much we are counting on your support. Please remember to mark your calendar — let's make Saturday, August 7th, the most successful Bazaar in 40 years.

On behalf of the Cohasset Community Association, I would like to offer our condolences to the family of Howard Johnson during your time of loss. Howard is fondly remembered for his years of service to the CCA and the Cohasset Volunteer Fire Dept., and we wish you all the best during this difficult time. *by Jill Stewart*

Alice Clements Named 2010 Bazaar Guest of Honor!

The Cohasset Historical Society is proud to announce that Alice Clements has been chosen as this year's Guest of Honor at the annual CCA Bazaar! Alice is both a founding and still-active member of the Historical Society. Please stop by the CHS booth at the Bazaar and say "Hi" to Alice.



The CHS will have old-time photos of Cohasset and Cohasset residents, old maps, and free 2010 calendars. Donations — monetary or even a Cohasset story — are always welcome!

Report by Lisa Vegvary

Bazaar Membership Table

We all look forward to the annual Bazaar knowing we'll have a great time, hear some good music and get to see many of our friends and neighbors. It's also a great time to renew or sign up for a new membership to the CCA.

If you missed the opportunity to join or renew your membership at the recent membership breakfast, you can do so at the Bazaar. You'll find our membership table near the gate; we promise it will only take a few moments away from all the fun.

Plans are underway to make this year's event one of the best ever, so we hope everyone on the ridge will come out and join in the fun, support the CCA's main fund-raiser and keep our community organization going strong. See you there!

Report by Janice Lee

Bazaar Parade

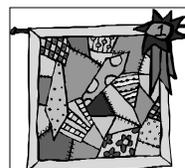
Come on out for Cohasset's Annual Parade, the official kick-off for our Cohasset Bazaar.



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 Quilt



Tickets for this year's Cohasset raffle quilt are on sale now. \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. The drawing will be August 7th at the Bazaar.

Report by Kathleen Lawson

40th Annual Cohasset Bazaar & Music Festival

Bazaar Entertainment

Local World 11-12

Mud Creek Kenny 12:15-1:15

Ruby Hollow Band 1:30-3:00

Origin belly dancers 3-3:30

Alice Peake Experience 3:30-5:00

Electric Circus 5:15-7:15

Get ready to dance your socks off, shake your booty and have too much fun! This year, every group on the line-up consists of at least one Cohasset resident (or former resident). Master of Ceremony again will be Johnny Wahl, and the accomplished Dale Price (www.soundprochico.com) is doing the sound.



ELECTRIC CIRCUS will be the headliner band with the Dead-to-Mo, Hips jam/country-rock fusion sound. For decades they have managed to keep

dancers moving to their high-energy electric guitar and smooth vocal harmonies, blending psychedelic and country-rock music. Members include Saul Henson and Gary Dutra on guitars, Chris Henderson on bass, Mike Waltz on drums and vocals, and a few other honorary members at any given time, including Don Scott, Derek Zane, and Mark D'Antonio.

ALICE PEAKE EXPERIENCE



began when Ernie, Kevin and Alice first played together at Rosedale's Fall Carnival in 2002. It has grown from 3

Chico Unified teachers to a band of 7 musicians. Their music could be described as an "Electric Folk-Rock Fusion" party-fest band playing classroom favorites, current pop covers, and songs from the past 5 decades. It is high-energy fun for people from 2 to 100. Members include Ernie Witt, vocals, steel drums, guitar; Kevin Barry, vocals, guitar; Alice Peake, vocals, flute, panpipe, pennywhistle, percussion; Campbell Church, lead guitar; Huntley Hornback, vocals, bass guitar; Jim Miller, vocals, mandolin; and Mike Smith, drums.

ORIGIN



(www.origintribal.com) tribal belly-dance is a unique, dynamic troupe based in Chico, California. The seven women create and perform group improvisational tribal belly dance, integrating ancient tradition and modern innovation. Troupe members performing at the bazaar will be Sadie Peake, Marsha Vernoga, Jenny Funk and Emily Purvis.

RUBY HOLLOW BAND



(www.rubyhollowband.com) is a smashing "Hot, Pogo Folk" band with cool instrumentation and incredibly beautiful harmonies. Their music includes covers, original and traditional songs, ballads, new grass, polkas, Irish and South American/Spanish tunes, incredible 4-part harmonies, and much more. Members include David Cowan, vocals, accordion, gui-

tar, South American panpipes, keyna; Jo Chavez, vocals, mandolin, guitar, accordion, hand drums, harmonica, South American keyna, charrango; Alice Peake, vocals, electric bass, silver flute, South American panpipes, percussive instruments; David Bilinski, vocals, guitar, dobro, banjo, mandolin, electric bass.

LOCAL WORLD



is the band that thinks globally and acts locally. Their music reflects the joy of living on our planet Earth. Ernie Witt is an educator with Caribbean Steel Drums, handmade guitar and magnificent voice. Jimmy Brobeck is an environmental activist with a handmade Hawaiian guitar, a bag of harmonicas, clarinet and songbook. Huntley Hornback is a guitar maker and electronic percussionist. Jim Miller is a videographer who plays a fretless bass made by Huntley. These guys have been playing music together for decades.

MUD CREEK KENNY & THE STUMPJUMPERZ

is known as a rock-a-billie, blues, Americana band. For most people in Cohasset, Kenny's band needs no explanation. Members for this gig are Kenny Cartledge, vocals, guitar; Howard Coffman, vocals, electric bass; Kevin Traficante, rhythm master; Steve Truskel, vocals, guitar; Rebecca Snow, fiddle, mando, first chair musician.

See you all at the Bazaar.

Report by Alice Peake

Fire & Emergency Preparedness



Fire Season Is Here Are You Ready?

Most of us feel we have made a wise choice to live in Cohasset. The environment has so many good things to offer. But it also has some negatives that we have to consider, such as the

fire danger. While there are no guarantees that we can survive a wildfire, there are many things we can and should do to reduce the risk of loss of life and property.

The revised Cohasset Emergency Evacuation Plan identified seven steps to take to reduce our risks. They are:

1. Get ready early by providing property access and defensible space;
2. An ember awareness checklist is provided to identify locations where embers and firebrands can cause ignitions;
3. A listing of four evacuation orders and four levels of traffic closures are provided;
4. An evacuation checklist of items to take depending on the amount of time available before evacuation;
5. Suggested responses if a wildfire approaches;
6. Suggestions should you become trapped by a quickly-approaching wildfire; and
7. Help to develop a household safety plan, including contact information for family members not at home (including school children), neighbors and out-of-area contacts.

There are several ways to evacuate the community, but only one is recommended by the evacuation plan. Every resident should give serious consideration to their own capabilities and equipment before determining the route they will take. Who will know if you choose to use an alternate route?

Historically, Cohasset residents have been very careful with fire. Wildfires that have posed a threat to the community have had their origin outside of the community. Regardless of the source, we must face the fact that wildfires are a continual risk. Are you ready? Have you done all you can to protect your property and family?

Report by Bert Coffman

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 August 8 & 22.

For more info, call Ruth: 891-3481.



Emergency Advice

Well, by the time you are reading this it will be August! We are nearly halfway through the wildfire season, the annual bazaar is nearly here and summer is heating up.

I will just quickly go over a few very important things to consider.

Identify your most important things that you would want to take with you if we have an emergency and we need to evacuate the hill. Concentrate first on your legal documents, pictures, medications and any keepsakes that cannot be replaced.

Talk to friends and family and arrange a place to meet and exchange phone numbers so that you have a way to get in touch. Remember to take your personal phone book.

Have the means to contain your animals, such as a crate, and be sure to take some pet food, any medication, leashes and enough water for your pets to get along for one day;

Make certain that your vehicle always has at least a half tank of gas. When you are down to ½ tank – fill it up;

Let someone on the EPC or the Butte County Sheriff's Office know if there is someone you know that will need help if we have a prolonged electrical outage or have to evacuate.

If we are required to evacuate, please do so in an orderly manner. CDF and the Butte County Fire Safe Council have only recognized one safe way off this hill: Cohasset Rd. If everyone cooperates, then it will go much more quickly.

Take something with you to identify you as a resident of Cohasset. As many of you know, oftentimes the road is opened only to residents. The CHP has a current map, developed by Butte County Office of Emergency Preparedness and the CCA-EPC, along with a list of streets here in Cohasset, courtesy of Liz Weber – a volunteer with fire Company 21. The CHP will try to use that as a means of comparing street addresses that are shown on bills or your driver's license if the city shows as Chico.

Keep as cool as you can and have a safe and fun summer.

Report by Maggie Krehbiel, Chair CCA-EPC



Church News & August Calendar



Cohasset Church History

The Cohasset Neighborhood Church was not the first church to serve the Cohasset community. According to *A Historical Geography of Cohasset Ridge* by Elroy N. Nathan (copies are available from the Cohasset Historical Committee), the first church was erected in 1896 on land donated by Ira Hume for a church and cemetery. It was located at the north end of Harvey Road. Services were conducted for twenty-two years, with local residents and numerous evangelists officiating. The building stood vacant and began to disappear as materials were scavenged during the depression era.

The present church has its origin in the mid-1940s. A Navy veteran and his wife, Art and Ellen Specht, came from Chico to canvass the community to determine if there was interest in starting a new church. They conducted open-air evangelistic services on the site of the present Community Center. One of the first converts was Mr. Samuel Sorenson, who had moved to the community with his family in 1907. Mr. Sorenson donated land and a building to the newly organized Cohasset Community

Baptist Church in 1945. The remaining materials from the church at the cemetery were used in the remodeling of the newly acquired building. Services have been conducted, sometimes intermittently, to the present day.

As with many rural churches, the congregation found it difficult to secure the services of a full-time minister. The congregation sought help from the Neighborhood Church of Chico. A team was assembled to minister in the Cohasset church. The congregation decided to reorganize as a church affiliated with the Christian and Missionary Alliance denomination. Articles of Incorporation and By-laws were prepared and filed with the Secretary of State of the State of California in 1991.

Brian Hall has been serving as pastor for the congregation for ten years. His wife, Donna, is a granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Sorenson, who donated the building and land for the church. Pastor Hall is assisted by laymen and retired ministers in the teaching duties. The church provides opportunities for service, expression, fellowship and missionary outreach.

If you are not familiar with the church and its congregation, you are invited to drop in and observe. Services are conducted each Sunday morning, starting at 10:30 AM.
Report by Bert Coffman .

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 10:30am Church Service	2 <i>Reminder!</i>	3 7:00 - 9pm Brew Club	4	5 7-9pm Cohasset Volunteer Fire Dept Mtg	6	7 Annual Bazaar & Music Festival
8 10:30am Church Service 10:00am African Dance	9	10 5-6pm Cohasset School Acquisition Committee	11 12pm-2pm Commodities Distribution	12 7-9pm CCA Board Mtg	13 <i>Don't Forget</i>	14 <i>Excellent</i>
15 10:30am Church Service	16	17 7-8pm Emergency Preparedness Mtg	18	19 7-9pm Cohasset Volunteer Fire Dept. Mtg	20	21
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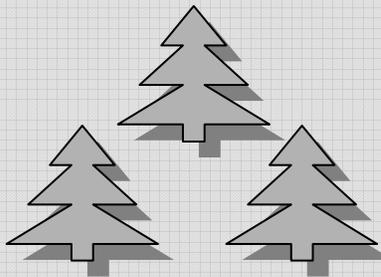
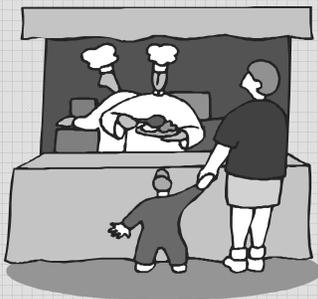
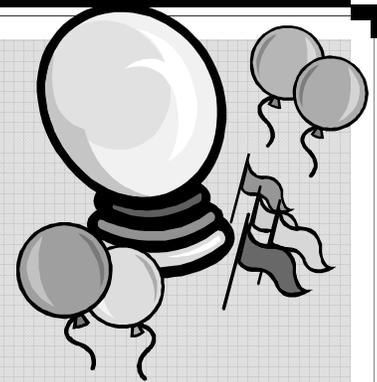


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Breakfast 8am-10am ✦ Parade of Classic Cars 10am
✦ Music starts at 11am ✦



- ✦ BBQ
- ✦ Craft Vendors
- ✦ Exciting Raffles
- ✦ Plant Sale
- ✦ Natural Foods
- ✦ Kids' Activities
- ✦ ... and much more!



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