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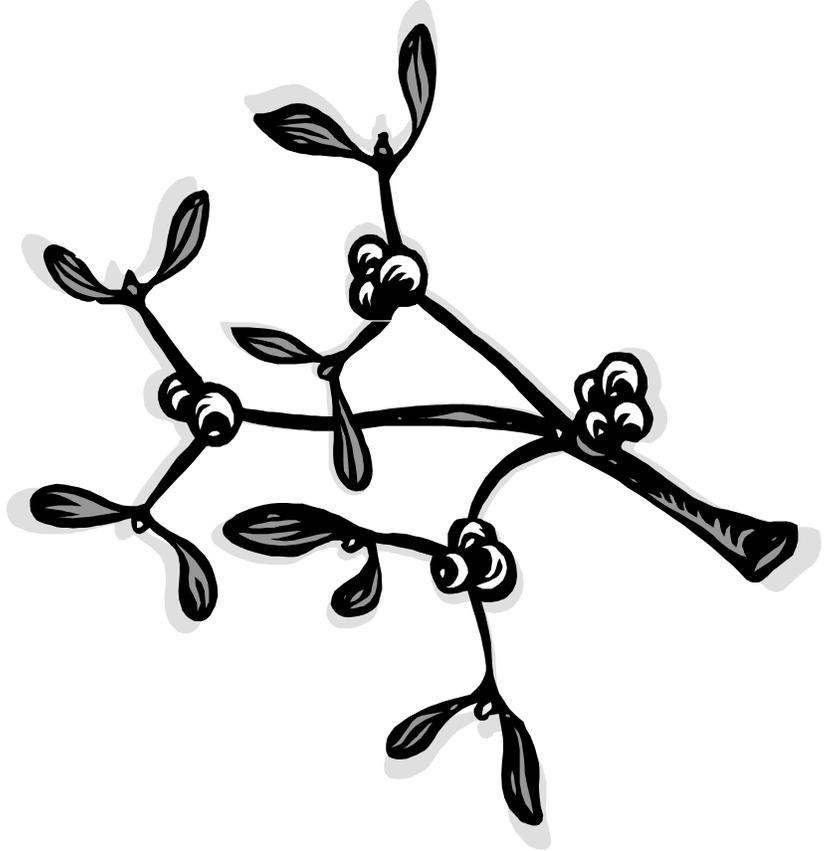
What's That Green Stuff in My Oak Tree After Its Leaves are Gone?

It's probably mistletoe. This is the common name for a couple of hemi-parasitic plants that grow attached to and within the branches of many of our oaks and pines in the Cohasset area. Hemi-parasitic plants have chlorophyll and do some photosynthesis (make food). Our mistletoes use the host tree mainly for water and mineral nutrients. True parasitic plants do not have chlorophyll and are not green. Both types of mistletoe affect trees in a similar way by reducing growth and occasionally killing them.

I suspect many of us have seen mistletoe, if not at Christmas probably in a tree. Leafy mistletoe is mostly found on oaks and has smooth-edged oval evergreen leaves borne in pairs along the woody stem with waxy white berries in dense clusters. Another type of mistletoe often seen on pines here is called dwarf mistletoe. It has very small leaves. The dwarf mistletoe often forms witches' brooms, which are clusters of dense growth in the crown of the tree.

Even though we use it as a Christmas decoration, keep it out of reach of children. Mistletoe is poisonous and causes acute stomach pain and diarrhea along with low pulse rate, especially in kids.

Mistletoe commonly reduces trees' growth but can kill them with heavy infestation. If it's not throughout the tree, pruning it out or cutting limbs off that have it can reduce the severity. Once the mistletoe is within a foot or so from the main trunk, pruning does little to slow the spread. Many cities in California have tried hard to get rid of it to little avail. Modesto ash was widely planted in



Central Valley cities and is especially prone to mistletoe. Most of these trees have been damaged by mistletoe so badly that they have been removed.

The great majority of mistletoe seeds are spread by birds, which don't seem to be affected by eating them. The seeds are excreted in their droppings and stick to twigs of other trees and then sprout. It's also spread in the same tree when the bird grips the fruit in its bill, squeezes the sticky coated seed out to the side, and then wipes its bill clean on a branch not affected.

Even though Mistletoe was often considered a pest that kills trees and devalues natural habitats, it has its attributes. A broad array of animals depend on mistletoe for food, consuming the leaves and young shoots, transferring pollen between plants, and dispersing the sticky seeds. Witches' brooms also make excellent locations for roosting and nesting of birds, such as the endangered Northern spotted owl.

Thanks to John and Cathy for asking me to write about mistletoe.

Report by Bob Tate



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What's Happening?



Admittedly I'm not so good at remembering birthdays and anniversaries, not to mention the greeting card and candy manufacturers' day just around the corner. What better time than just before Valentine's Day for me to take the liberty of abusing my volunteer position as editor by publishing this surprise tribute for my wife.

(This means you'll have to read this month's newsletter without the benefit of it having been edited for grammar and usage by her. I apologize in advance for my sophomoric grasp of the English language, but I just can't resist doing a surprise true story tribute for my "Perky" wife.)

After 22 years of marriage, Rhonda knows I'm inherently a selfish person obsessed with taking care of MY family, our home, our land, our business, our possessions, our well being, and our happiness. Rhonda has always seen things differently. When we were first married I was annoyed as I begrudgingly watched her take valuable time away from our own pursuits to go off and do her volunteer jobs. One day I'll never forget I made the mistake of complaining to her about another donation check she'd written for a local charity that came across my desk. Apparently my inquiry was the straw that broke the camel's back, and I got a surprising and passionate tongue lashing. She pointed at me fiercely and simply said in no uncertain terms, "You'd be a hell of a lot happier if you got off your ass and did some charity work." After telling me I wasn't "altruistic," she huffed off, promptly finding a donation envelope she'd no doubt been saving for just this occasion and sent off a check for \$100.00 to some obscure organization that apparently buys cows for poor people somewhere. I went and looked up "altruistic" in her giant Oxford English Dictionary.

Years later I was fishing through her underwear drawer (I swear it was a one-time thing) and came across this quote she had saved: "*One of the things I keep learning is that the secret of being happy is doing things for other people*" by Dick Gregory.

After that I never again asked myself how it was that she wakes up each and every morning, stokes the fire, makes a pot of coffee and then greets me with nothing but kind words, a beautiful smile on her face and a cup of coffee just the way I like it.

Mike Dufloth, Editor

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Government & Police News



Supervisor News

by Maureen Kirk,
Butte County Supervisor, District 3

As I write this, we are deeply into January 2011. I like January. The trees are bare and the leaves have been picked up. It is easy to see the birds and squirrels in the trees. There is a hint of the spring bulbs, which are just visible coming out of the ground.

The biggest news in the County is the swearing in of Larry Wahl on January 3. Jane Dolan was District 2 Supervisor for 32 years, so it will be quite a change. I have worked with Larry on the Chico City Council and we share similar budget philosophies.

There was a tremendous storm in Cohasset in November. I know that the power was out for a while as were the phones. The tree damage was big. Some people lost very large trees, others lost large limbs. The County stepped up to help. Cal-Fire manned the Cohasset Station. Ray was out with his plow, and the road crews worked as fast as they could to clear branches that were blocking the road. The storm was unusual in that it was early and the trees were still full of leaves. Your Emergency Preparedness Committee was very active.

Lately, it has been foggy in Chico and sunny in Cohasset. That is one of the reasons you live there!

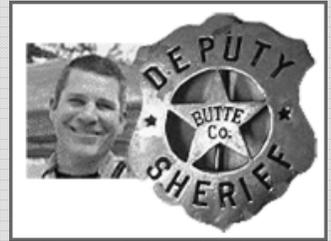
We had a great Christmas. Our son, Brian, came home and we had an Open House that included many friends from his Boy Scout days. It was fun to see the parents and young men and to see how they have succeeded. It was also amazing to think how fast the time goes by with our kids and friends. Cherish every day.

Happy 2011!

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Police Beat

by Butte County Sheriff's
Detective Doug Patterson



Recently I attended a school that contained several different workshops. One of my favorite workshops turned out to be The Saints of Mexico's Drug Lords.

I found the class to be very fascinating since I have had some personal experiences in finding "shrines" dedicated to these "saints" in Mexican national grows in the forests of Butte County. One of the "saints" is Jesus Malverde, AKA "the narco-saint," who has been adopted as the patron saint of the illegal drug trade. The other "saint" is Santa Muerte, who has an estimated two million followers, especially in Mexico City. Santa Muerte is a skeleton figure and usually carries a scythe and globe. The scythe symbolizes the cutting of negative energies or influences, and its long handle can reach anywhere. The globe represents Death's dominion and is a tomb to which we all return. Having the globe in Santa Muerte's hand also represents vast power. Do an Internet search on these two dark characters to learn more.

I have also found a fantastic show on TV. It's called Wild Justice, and it is on the National Geographic Channel. National Geographic follows California Fish and Game Wardens throughout the state where they deal with poachers, polluters, and drug runners/growers. Several episodes were filmed in Butte County to include Forest Ranch. I think you will enjoy the show if you tune in.

Also, check out Lt. John Nores, Jr.'s book titled *War in the Woods—Combating the Marijuana Cartels on America's Public Lands*. It is a very good read comprising several different stories.

Until then, I will see you next month.

Contact Detective Patterson at:
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Yoo hoo! We're Starting a Ukulele Group



Tammy Dubois and I, both neophytes when it comes to the ukulele, are starting a ukulele group. We figure by default we are bound to learn how to play the ukulele. After all, you can look at the little boxes, get your fingers on the proper strings and play. Ok, so maybe it is more than that, but we are committed to figuring it all out. If anyone would like to join us, you are most welcome. We will be meeting at each others' homes on Wednesday evenings at 7pm. Day and time may change with the wind, so be sure to call me if you are interested in coming.

Report by Mayeve Tate 342-2494.

KUDOS Mystery Painters of CCA Picnic Tables, Office & Kitchen

I think I saw Elizabeth Davison busy for a week painting a table a day. "Just one a day, that's all we ask!" Mayeve and Linda are working on the office getting it painted and ready to store the Historical Society items. I believe they are going to paint the kitchen as well. If anyone can help, please contact them. It would be great.



Thanks! *Report by Bob Hursh*

New & Sustaining CCA Members

Lana & Tyson Adler
Bruce & Michelle Fox—**Lifetime Sustaining members**

Bruce & Penny Gallaway—
Diamond Lifetime Sustaining members



Cohasset Community Association Wants YOU!

Volunteers are the lifeblood of the CCA and all our projects. The hours of donated labor by dedicated CCA members is what defines our community association.

The expertise and special skills of our volunteers is what makes, or breaks, our community endeavors. After all, a volunteer who contributes five hours of time a week would cost us around \$5,000 a year in expense if he or she was a paid employee. That's a lot of value from one well-meaning individual, and we are very lucky to have dozens of board members, officers, committee chairs and volunteers from all walks of life working diligently for the CCA.

It seems that every four or five years since our inception more than 40 years ago, the association is faced with the not-so-easy task of refreshing and strengthening our non-profit board of directors and officers.

This occurs for various reasons, including the simple fact that volunteers become tired after having served for many years. The volunteer members of a long-standing board of directors will usually identify personally and collectively with their own self-defined interpretation of the mission of the organization as it's been previously categorized by the long-standing leaders such that when they retire from service their loyal contacts tend to follow, leaving a void to be filled by new blood from the community.

New board members help prevent a single individual or group from monopolizing the spirit of the organization. They ensure that new ideas and approaches are explored—something that's essential to the success of every organization.

In the past this dilemma has left the board of directors nearly dysfunctional for a short time. Fortunately that wasn't the case in our most recent round of retirees several years back. Each new board generally brings new members and directors to the table, helping to redefine some new directions and thus helping the CCA to move beyond the past common vision. It requires tact, finesse, patience and some luck; however, it is necessary to do this from time to time if the CCA is to maintain its sense of purpose and its credibility for service in the community.

It's never easy to find great volunteers, and it can be a huge task to attract efforts that will actually be extremely helpful, so if you've stuck with me to this point, then let's explore now where you may be able to contribute and enjoy the process.

I think individuals volunteer for various reasons. Most simply want to help the community, but some are also looking to make social connections or get job training. An opportunity certainly exists for leadership training and experience. Maybe some families are looking for a project they can work on together. Let's explore your motivations for volunteering and find a perfect fit for you. Pick up the phone and call a board member today. "The Cohasset Community Association Wants YOU."

Cohasset Community News

Haven of Hope Orphanage & The Cohasset Clothing Connection

I would like to tell you a true story. I will only tell you the highs and the lows.

Once upon a time there was a husband, Peter, and a wife, Marci, who had adult children. Wishing to increase their family, they adopted a baby girl from China. They named her Janey. When Janey was about 3, Peter and Marci decided that it was time to make a change in their lives. Peter resigned from his job, they accepted a post with a mission in China, and they purchased plane tickets for the three of them and were all set to go. Several nights before they were to leave, Marci died.

Peter, heartbroken, remained at his job and found a nanny for Janey. Pellen is a lovely young woman from the Philippines. Love blossomed and they married. Peter was again ready to make a change in their lives. He again resigned from his job and this time took a position in Singapore to build, oversee and direct an American school. After 3 very busy and interesting years the school was complete and running well. It was time for Peter to make a change. Peter had promised that he, Pellen and Janey would visit Pellen's family in the Philippines. While staying with Pellen's family in Davao on the island of Mindano they visited an orphanage and fell in love with the children there.

So here is where I come into the story. Actually Bob and I have been long-time friends of Peter. When he shared with us what he, Pellen and Janey were doing, we became interested. There are now 19 children at the Haven of Hope Orphanage, ranging in age from 4 to 17. What could we do to help? This is the 3rd year that we have collected gently used summer clothing, (sizes small and medium, female and male). The past two years we were able to send over 300 pounds

of clothing. The clothes are not only used for the HOH family but for the staff and people in need in the community.

If you would like to donate clothing or would like to know more about Peter, Pellen, Janey and the Haven of Hope, you can call me at 530-342-2494 or email me at Mayeve@att.net

The HOH has a web site at: <http://www.hohkids.com/>

View the HOH children & staff singing on Youtube at: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VTwYDu3qBEQ>

You can also visit the children in the preschool at: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k6LeVIOaqnw>

Thank you for taking the time to read my story,

Report by Mayeve Tate

Photo Caption: Third row from left to right: Edelina, Jessa, Janna, and Arlene

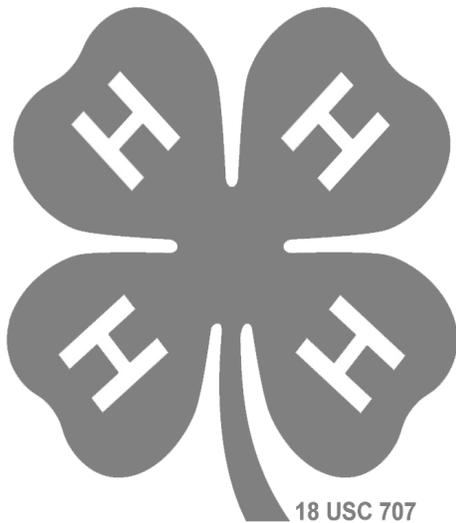
Second row from left to right: Ivan, Limson, Abdul, Rufina, Tiraima, Aicel and Hasmin

First row from left: Kevin, Neimer, Nevin, Kristine, Princess, Melody, Jhon Rey and Donnaly



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Cohasset 4-H Club News



The biggest event for Butte County 4-H is fast approaching: That is 4-H Fun Night 2011. This year's event will be held on Saturday, February 5th, at the Commercial Building, Silver Dollar Fairgrounds from 4 pm to 8:30 pm. Each 4-H club in Butte County will create a game booth that corresponds with this year's theme,

"Pirates of the Caribbean." Cohasset 4-H has done a great job over the past five years by winning numerous awards for their creative designs related to the themes.

This event is open to the public and is a "Fun Night" for the entire family. There will be games for kids of all ages including prizes, a Silent Auction, HUGE Cake Walk, and food and drink for purchase.

Advanced ticket sales can be purchased from any Cohasset 4-H member for \$2.00 per ticket, or call 343-7332. Tickets are tax deductible.

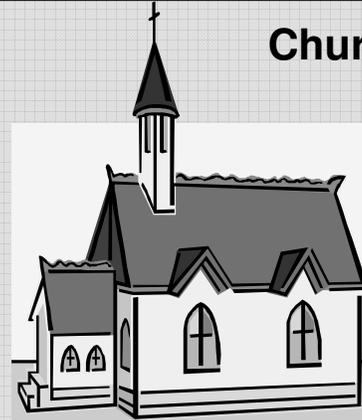
Mark your calendars for Saturday, March 12th! Cohasset 4-H will hold their Annual St. Patrick's Dinner at the Cohasset Community Center. Look for more information in the next CCA Newsletter.

Thanks for your support!



Report by MidgeVander Velden

Church News



The Cohasset Neighborhood Church has invited several guests to give the Sunday lesson while Brian recovers from pneumonia. This Sunday, January 16th,

Bruce Gilbert spoke on building a house on a good foundation. He and his wife Cathy will be leaving for a one-year ministry in Korea in April.

Until then we hope to have him back several more times. They are with Cadence International, a hospitality house ministry. You can find out more about their ministry at www.cadence.org.

Service starts at 10:30am each Sunday morning.

The Church Potlucks are the last Sunday of the month following the service. All are welcome

The food pantry is the last Saturday of the month at 9am. All who are in need are welcome.

Report by Brian Hall, Pastor. 343-8479

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 February 13 & 27.

For more info, call Ruth: 891-3481.



Events & February Calendar



February Potluck: Cooking with Beer

Don't miss our February 19th potluck at 5:30 at the CCA building. We'll be featuring food made with beer. Anything from sausages to chicken is better when it is cooked with beer. Grand stews such as the classic Belgian Carbonnades Flamandes made with beef and onions, rabbit cooked in beer, brats and beer, beer braised brisket, corned beef and cabbage, Irish stew, beer can chicken, scotch ale potatoes, beer mushroom soup and even desserts like beer bread and chocolate porter cake are all delicious. The alcohol is gone out after a minute or two of cooking, so there's no concern about that. See you there.

Report by Bob Tate



Brew Club News

A January meeting of the Cohasset Home Brew Club was held, but due to weather uncertainties only club members were notified. Our next meeting will be held, weather permitting, on February 1 at 7 PM in the CCA building. Everyone is asked to bring a sample of an IPA (India Pale Ale) and something to cleanse our palates of the hops that should be present in such a style. This follows up on our January meeting where we tasted various hop varieties that had been made into

teas so people could get a feel for how different hops smell and taste as well as leave a bitter aftertaste on the tongue.

*Report by David Westphal
eastrise@earthlink.net*



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 7-9pm Brew Club	2 <i>Hot!</i>	3 7-9pm Cohasset Volunteer Fire Dept Mtg	4	5
6 10:30am Church Service	7 7-8pm Cohasset 4-H Meeting	8 <i>Reminder!</i>	9	10 7-9pm CCA Board Mtg	11	12
13 10:30am Church Service 10:00am African Dance	14 <i>Excellent</i>	16 8pm Emergency Preparedness Mtg	17	17 7-9pm Cohasset Volunteer Fire Dept. Mtg	18	19 5:30 Potluck— Cooking with beer.
20 10:30am Church Service	21	22	23 12pm-2pm Commodities Distribution	24	25 <i>Don't Forget</i>	26 7-9pm CCA Bingo!
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**Ring in the New Year with Fun Nights
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Saturday, January 29th
& Saturday February 26th**

Bingo card sales start at 6 pm

Games start at 7 pm.



There will be a few Bonus Games added this month to increase your chances of winning a prize, including Early Bird Bingo and Horse Race Bingo.

Bingo packages are \$15, which includes 6 (six) bingo cards for each of the 8 games, and Bonus Games will be \$2.00 per card or ticket. The final game of the night will be 'Winner Take All,' which is an optional entry after the regular Bingo rounds conclude.



Bring your lucky Bingo good luck charms and bring a friend, because the more players there are, the greater the payouts! If you have any questions, call the CCA Bingo hotline at 530-893-5432 and leave a message.

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

All proceeds of these events benefit the CCA, a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization.

Report by Daniel Botsford