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## Wile E. Coyote, Beep Beep!

The coyote in our area is also found throughout North and Central America, ranging from Panama in the south, north through Mexico, the United States and Canada. It occurs as far north as Alaska and all but the northernmost portions of Canada. There are 19 recognized subspecies, with 16 in Canada, Mexico and the United States, and 3 in Central America. The coyote tolerates us very well: Its range has expanded in the wake of human civilization, and coyotes readily reproduce in metropolitan areas. Believe it or not, Los Angeles has a large population that lives in the rainwater drains!

Coyotes can be confusing because their color ranges from grayish brown to yellowish gray on the upper parts, while the throat and belly tend to have a buff or white color. The forelegs, sides of the head, muzzle and paws are reddish brown with a bushy black-tipped tail. Coyotes that live in the mountains tend to be dark furred, while desert coyotes tend to be more light brown in color.

Coyotes typically grow to up to 30–34 inches in length and weigh from 15–46 pounds, with the largest coyotes on record weighing about 75 pounds and measuring over five feet in total length.

Coyotes hear very well (about 20 percent better than dogs) are fast (up to the lower 40's), and can jump over 13 feet in length.

While coyotes do form large groups, they primarily hunt in pairs. Typical packs consist of six closely related adults, yearlings and young. Coyotes are primarily nocturnal, but can often be seen during daylight hours. Coyotes that don't have pressure from people tend to be daylight hunters. Once human pressure increases they tend to adapt to more nocturnal behavior. I love to watch them hunt mice and voles: They sit for a while near the mouse waiting for it to get close enough and then jump straight up and pounce on the mouse. I call it the mouse dance.

Coyotes have been known to live a maximum of 10 years in the wild and 18 years in captivity. They are observational learners and learn much of their behavior from their parents and pack mates.

Coyotes tend to stay in a mating pair for a number of years. Litter size ranges from 1 to 19 pups; although the average is about 6. Over 50 percent of the pups don't survive to become adults. The pups are much like dogs and are initially blind and limp-eared when they're born. The pups are full grown in less than a year after birth.

Coyotes will sometimes mate with domestic dogs. Their offspring are called coydogs, and have the coyote's predatory nature, along with the dog's lack of fear of humans, making them a more serious threat to livestock than pure-blooded coyotes. Differences in the ears and tail are generally what can be used to distinguish coydogs from dogs or pure coyotes. By the way, dogs do not become feral (go wild) and always return to their homes in a day or a week.

I get a kick out of the coyote calls you hear in the movies. What you hear is mostly wolf calls, because the coyote makes high-pitched howls, yips, yelps, and barks. Coyotes vocalize most often at dusk or night, but may sometimes be heard in the middle of the day. When a coyote calls his pack together, he howls at one high note. When the pack is together, he howls higher and higher, and then they yip and yelp and also do a yi-yi sound very shrill with the howl.

*To be continued...*



*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](mailto:info@cohassetcommunity.org), or view the CCA rental agreement at:

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# CCA Home Page

## What's Happening?



As I pen my final column and get ready to send our newsletter to press, I find myself contemplating the upcoming Rapture. We Cohassians have all been most diligently warned over the last several months by huge billboards, which we can't miss seeing on our way to and from town, that explain how the beginning of the world's demise is quickly approaching. In real time it's quite the pressing concern, because they specifically state that "Judgment Day" will be May 21, 2011.

I'm wondering if I'll be one the Cohassians left behind? My wife's a saint, and my Cohasset neighbors and friends are all loving, caring human beings that are, without question, always nurturing and supportive. I have to believe they will all be among those chosen to ascend.

Faced with being left behind to endure the future shame all alone, my only hope is that self-deprecating, cathartic wallowing in self-pity is really good for the soul. Not only because I'm compelled to generally do that anyway once in a while, but also because I'll truly miss all you fine folks.

For the rest of you who are reading this, I'm sorry to point out the obvious fact that you were left behind, for whatever reason, to suffer with a heathen like me through eternal damnation (sigh)

If we ALL do remain in place, then I should remind everyone not to forget it's that time of year again to elect the officers and directors of our foothill village council. Join us on June 9th for the annual general meeting and consider this an opportunity to get involved in your community.

Plus, after the election there will be the 41<sup>st</sup> Annual Bazaar planning meeting where you can step forward to be part of our most important fund-raising and community camaraderie gathering on the calendar. This is the one meeting a year that deserves "must attend" status.

Since May 2009 it's been an honor and pleasure to serve as your Newsletter publisher. Our heartfelt thanks go out to Detective Doug Patterson, Supervisor Maureen Kirk, the Tates, Dan Botsford, David Westphal, Trish Putterbaugh, Maggie Krehbiel, Janice Lee and the rest of the board and community members who volunteered their time to write articles and columns that collectively represent the CCA's Newsletter effort. On behalf of myself, Rhonda, Joe and "Bob the Amazing Trickster Cat," we bid you farewell and wish you all a glorious summer in Cohasset.

*Editor-Mike Dufloth :-)*

*\* Beginning July 2011 I'm pleased to announce the honorable John Dubois has generously volunteered to take the helm of the Cohasset Newsletter as our esteemed editor for the Newsletter's 41st year of publishing. Thank you, John.*

## **Renew your Membership or Join the CCA Today**

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# Government & Police News



## Supervisor News

by Maureen Kirk,  
Butte County Supervisor, District 3

As I write this, I am flying on my way to Mississippi. My husband has been working in Vicksburg, MS, for the last four months for the Army Corps of Engineers. When he started this venture, little did we know how much time we would spend tracking the weather and the Weather Channel. It has been the year of the tornadoes and floods. One more time, it reminds us how fortunate we are to live in Butte County.

The timing of this article is awkward because it will come out after our final hearing on the Marijuana Ordinance on May 24 at the Gridley Fairgrounds. A decision will have been made as to the number of plants per acreage, setbacks, permits, and fees. Our first two hearings were lively and well attended. I have never experienced hearings with so much passion and rancor. There is simply no way to comply with Prop 215 and SB 420 and make both sides happy. We are receiving phone calls and emails that it is too lax and just about as many stating the ordinance is too restrictive. It will be revisited in one year and adjustments may be made.

I have been in communication with Chico Velo. They are the most visible bike riding organization in our community but do not represent all of the riders. They have made an effort to make sure their riders share the road responsibly. Of course, autos must be considerate, too. The ride up to Cohasset is challenging and beautiful, and we all should enjoy it safely. I am looking into an artful sign to remind bikers and cars to share the road.

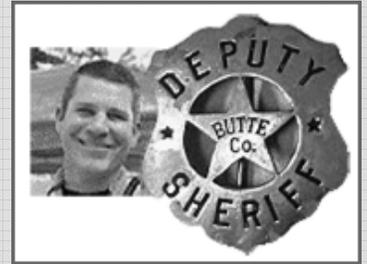
Another issue which will be in the forefront is redistricting – not only for State offices, but for County Supervisor Districts. My District has grown the most (11%) so it will have to be reduced by about 5300 residents. There is little chance I will lose Cohasset, but other areas of my district will change.

Let's hope for an uneventful summer.

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## Police Beat

by Butte County Sheriff's  
Detective Doug Patterson



Butte County was incorporated on February 18, 1850, as one of California's original 27 counties. Our first Sheriff, J.Q. Wilbur, was elected in June of that year to bring law and order to the 12,800 square miles the county comprised at the time. (We're now 1680 sq mi.) Good thing he wasn't paying \$4 a gallon! He did have travel expenses, however, and diligently logged his horse's mileage, for which he was reimbursed by the court.

The first county seat was in Hamilton, and an office building there owned by Sheriff Wilbur was used as a temporary jail. The Court of Sessions (pre-cursor to the Board of Supervisors) authorized a new jail and courthouse, and they levied a .25% property tax to pay for them. The Butte County Jail was completed at a cost of \$9,200 and was the pride of the county. It was solidly constructed, reinforced with sheet metal, and had two cells. Shortly after the jail opened for use, we had our first suicide. An inmate awaiting trial cut his boots into strips and hung himself.

In stark contrast, the courthouse cost a little more than half what the jail did (\$4930), was made of recycled lumber, assembled incorrectly, and was widely considered a "poor excuse of a barn." That might have been more problematic if the county seat hadn't been moved to Bidwell's Bar a year or two later and the building used for salvage yet again.

The County's revenue in 1851 and '52 was roughly \$20,000, its debt \$25,000. The more things change, the more they stay the same!

Unfortunately for Sheriff Wilbur, money management was not his forte either. Nine months after he was elected, Wilbur was forced to sell all of his property in a foreclosure proceeding. The purchaser, E.K. Dodge, would go on to succeed him as Sheriff in 1852.

*Report by Laura Stokes-Butte County Sheriff's Office*

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# Cohasset Community

## CCA General Elections June 9th



On Thursday, June 9th, the annual Cohasset Community Association Board elections will take place at 6:00 p.m. inside the Association building. You must be a current

CCA member to be able to run for a Director or Officer position, and you must be a current member to vote in the election. You may contact Jan Lee or Linda Hartsong regarding membership if you are not currently a member in good standing.

The Cohasset Community Association Board comprises four Officers and seven Directors. Two of the seven Directors hold two-year positions, the remaining five Directors, as well as the four Officer positions, serve one-year terms.

We encourage any community member who may be interested in a volunteer position on the board to come out and throw their name into the ring. Additionally, please encourage friends and neighbors who you think would make great board members to consider giving back to the Cohasset community that evening by running for a board position. Elections are dependent upon members showing up to vote, so please put the CCA Elections on your calendar and come down to the building to help us make the democratic process work.

Current nominees are as follows:

President – Linda Hartsong

Vice-President – open

Secretary – open

Treasurer – Mayeve Tate

Directors-(7 positions) – Nominated:

Maggie Kreihbel, Lisa Vegvary Dan Botsford, Michael DuFloth, Bob Hursh, Lara Conkey-Weibelhaus, and Janice Lee. *Election report by Lisa Vegvary*

## Giant Yard Sale

*Saturday, June 18, from 9 am to 2 pm.*

**PLUS - Free Pancake Breakfast**

*While Renewing CCA Memberships*



Come join or renew your membership to the Cohasset Community Association and you will be rewarded with a delicious pancake, sausage & egg breakfast beginning at 8 am.

If you value any of the fine programs & events the CCA sponsors or if you benefit from any of the work done for our community by this organization, please show your support by becoming a new member or renewing your membership. You will be rewarded with that good feeling of contributing and being part of an important organization working to improve and enrich our community. If you are a lifetime member, please come and let us thank you for your support for the CCA.

**A community yard sale** will also be happening on the Association grounds that morning, so come enjoy breakfast with your friends & neighbors & have fun shopping as well!

Last year's yard sale was very successful in raising funds for the CCA. Let's do it again. Collect those special items that you no longer need and donate them to the sale.

Donations may be dropped off Friday June 17th from 4pm to 7pm at the CCA building or you may call Mayeve at 342-2494 or Linda at 891-8337 to make arrangements

*Report by Janice Lee & Mayeve Tate*



## 501(c)3 Status –Our Tug of War Between the State of California and the IRS May be Over



The Cohasset Community Association finally received confirmation from the State of California of their acceptance of the Certificate of Amendment of Articles of Incorporation that we have been waiting for so we can send it to the IRS.

Linda Hartsong and Mayeve Tate met to compile and complete the packet for the Internal Revenue Service. It was mailed off Tuesday, May 17th.

We're hopeful the response from the IRS will be positive. Keep your fingers crossed.

*501(c)3 report by Mayeve Tate*

# Cohasset Community Events

## 2011 Cohasset Road Clean-Up Heroes



Super kudos go out to all the virtuous community-minded folks (*both those in the photo above and the workers not shown here*) who volunteered to show up at the crack of dawn for the Annual Road Clean-Up. They hit the road with vests and bags spending the day picking up all the filthy garbage accumulated over the last year on our community roads. The heroes collected a lot of disgusting stuff including cigarette butts, bottles, cans, soiled diapers and even discarded x-rated porn materials.

Road Clean-Up leader Rupert McDowell salutes the volunteers and also expresses thanks to those year-round walkers who clean up the road every day making this yearly task a bit easier.

Thank you all for another successful community beautification effort..

### **41st Annual Cohasset Bazaar & Music Festival Planning and Volunteer Meeting 6:30 pm, June 9th**

On June 9th at the Community Center there will be a very important meeting for planning our 41st Annual Bazaar and Music Festival. This is where folks come and say "I'll be doing the BBQ again," or "I'll be running the bake sale," or "I'd like to work the gate for entrance fees and membership information." It's where lists are made up of all the details for schedules to work the burrito booth to vendor set-up times and everything else in between.

This is where you can become an integral part of the upcoming Bazaar by confirming your usual participation

or taking on new tasks. There's a stage to be prepared, fences to be put up, tables to be arranged, and a whole host of other projects to be taken care of. That's why it's so important for us all to take a bit of time on June 9th to come together and work smart to make this year's Bazaar another special occasion for the community to participate in and enjoy this coming August.

For Booth Reservations, call Aurora at: 343-3243

For Bazaar Sponsor Info, call Mike at: 898-1871

For Raffle Donations, call Dan at: 893-1616

For Music Info, call Alice: 345-7622

For everything else, pick up the phone and call any board member. Thank you all for your time and consideration on this matter of great importance to our community.

# Cohasset Community News

## EPC - Preparing for Fire Season 2011



Well, another winter has passed and we are once again approaching fire season. Burning permits are now required and available from any Butte County CDF Fire Station. An alternate option is the green waste facility located down by the airport. They are closed Sundays and Mondays. This does offer a low cost alternative to burn-

ing your leaves, needles, tree limbs and branches.

We are all required by law to provide a 100' defensible space around our buildings. The first 30' clearance is the area around our homes, buildings and structures. This means to remove all dead or dying vegetation; trim trees to keep their branches a minimum of 10' from structures; remove leaf litter from your yard, roof and rain gutters; relocate woodpiles or other combustible materials to the outer 70' area; remove combustible material from around and under decks; remove or prune vegetation near windows; remove "ladder fuels" (low level vegetation that allows a fire to spread from the ground to the tree canopy).

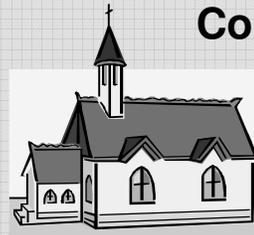
For the remaining 70' of the 100' defensible area the goal is to minimize the chance of a fire jumping from plant to plant or from one combustible item to another and encouraging the fire spreading. Again, according to the "Ready,Set,Go" pamphlet available from the Fire Stations, we are to remove ladder fuels; cut or mow annual grass down to a maximum height of 4 inches; remove loose surface litter (also called duff) to a depth not greater than 3". Another consideration is to have an alternate source of water, such as a pool or water tank, for the firefighters to use.

It is a hard fact, but oftentimes there are just not enough firefighters to protect and defend every home. They have no choice but to work at defending the homes that they have the best chance of saving. These homes typically also offer the firefighters a chance of slowing or stopping the spreading fire. If we don't care about our homes and property by trying to make them safe and defensible, then how can the firefighters?

Next month we will review the preparation and evacuation information. Remember, we only have 1 official route off our mountain - Cohasset Road. It is essential that you are prepared in advance.

*Report by Maggie Krehbiel, EPC Chairwoman*

## Community Church News



Sunday, June 5th, 10:30 am at the Cohasset Neighborhood church, everyone is invited to hear Peter Cowles, a missionary working in the Philippines, talk about his service and adventure there. His wife, Pellen, and daughter, Janey, will share their experiences working with the Haven of Hope Orphanage. We will hear about the children at the HOH and how they have grown and flourished.

We are continuing to collect gently used summer clothing to send back with the Cowles family. If you have something you would like to donate, call Mayeve at (530) 342-2494. We will also be sending Costco children's vitamins for preschool children. If you are interested in donating vitamins, you may call Mayeve to make arrangements.

Everyone is invited to attend the 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 is the food pantry for those in need. For more information, questions or comments, call Pastor Brian Hall at 343-8479.

## West African Rhythms & Dance



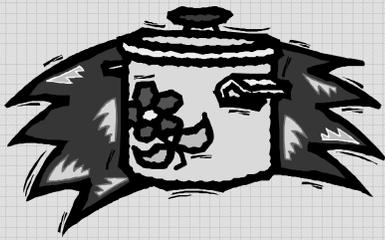
Learn all about West African music. Have fun, meet old friends and make new acquaintances. Dance to great West African music with hosts Lansana & Tania.

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 & June Calendar

## Community Potluck



**June 18th at 5:30 pm**  
*Cook it Slow*

Don't miss the June Potluck Saturday, the 18th, at 5:30 pm. The theme will be anything that can be made in a slow cooker. That covers a wide range of goodies from soup to nuts (well, almost). If you don't have a slow cooker or don't want to make something in it, bring whatever you want. Look forward to seeing you there.

*Report by Bob Tate.*



## Brew Club News

The Cohasset Home Brew Club had a terrific meeting on May 3rd, tasting beers both commercial and homemade that, in most cases, had been on the shelf for awhile. This aging time often gives big beers (and by chance(?) most members brought some pretty big beers), a sherry-like taste with hints of dried fruit and other very pleasing aromas and flavors that only age can bring out.

The next meeting, to be held on June 7th at 7 PM in the CCA building, will feature IPA and wheat beers. Some members are brewing the same or close to the same recipe, but altering an ingredient or two. It is hoped that the IPAs will have a range of different

hops, so that all members can get to taste the wide spectrum of flavors available from just hops. The wheat beers will feature both American and German examples of the style. The different flavors being produced are mainly by different stains of yeast. Therefore, one style of beer (IPA) will taste different based mainly on the type of hop used, the other style (wheat) will taste different based mainly on the type of yeast selected.

As always, it should be fun. New home brewers are always welcome, there are no dues or offices associated with membership, you just have to show up!

*Got questions? Report by David Westphal 343-4951 or [eastrise@earthlink.net](mailto:eastrise@earthlink.net)*

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 7-9pm Cohasset Volunteer Fire Dept Mtg	3	4
5 10:30am Church Service- Peter Cowles	6 7-8pm Cohasset 4-H Meeting	7 7-9pm Brew Club	8 12pm-2pm Commodities Distribution	9 6:30pm CCA Board Mtg	10	11
12 10:30am Church Service 10:00am African Dance	13	14 <b>FLAG DAY</b>	15 <i>Excellent</i>	16 7-9pm Cohasset Volunteer Fire Dept. Mtg	17	18 5:30pm CCA Potluck 8am-2pm Annual Yard Sale/Mem- bership Brkfst
19 10:30am Church Service <b>FATHER'S DAY</b>	<i>Reminder!</i>	21 6:00pm Emergency Pre- paredness Mtg	22	23	24 <i>Don't Forget</i>	25 7-9pm CCA Bingo!
26 10:30am Church Service 10:00am African Dance	27	28	29	30	<h1>June 2011</h1>	

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# CASH IN! BINGO

**Saturday, June 25th**

*Bingo card sales start at 6 pm  
Games start at 7 pm.*



Play Bingo with fellow community members. CCA Bingo will be held on Saturday, June 25th. Bingo packages are \$10, 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 'Split the Pot,' 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 Cohasset Community Center, a non-profit organization

*Report by Daniel Botsford*

