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Cohasset Oaks

There are at least 300 species of oak worldwide and about sixty species in the United States. Of these 60 species, there are 4 species of oak commonly found in the Cohasset area: Black Oak (*Quercus kelloggii*) and Blue Oak (*Quercus douglasii*), which lose their leaves in winter. The Black oak is the largest oak in Cohasset. Its leaves turn a rusty red/brown in the fall. The Blue Oak grows a little lower in elevation and can be seen from the old horse trough on Cohasset Road to the bridge over Mud Creek. Blue oak leaves have a kind of light blue tint to them, hence the name Blue Oak. The other two species: Interior Live Oak (*Quercus wislizenii*) and Canyon Live Oak (*Quercus chrysolepis*) keep their leaves through the winter and are generally smaller than the other two oaks.

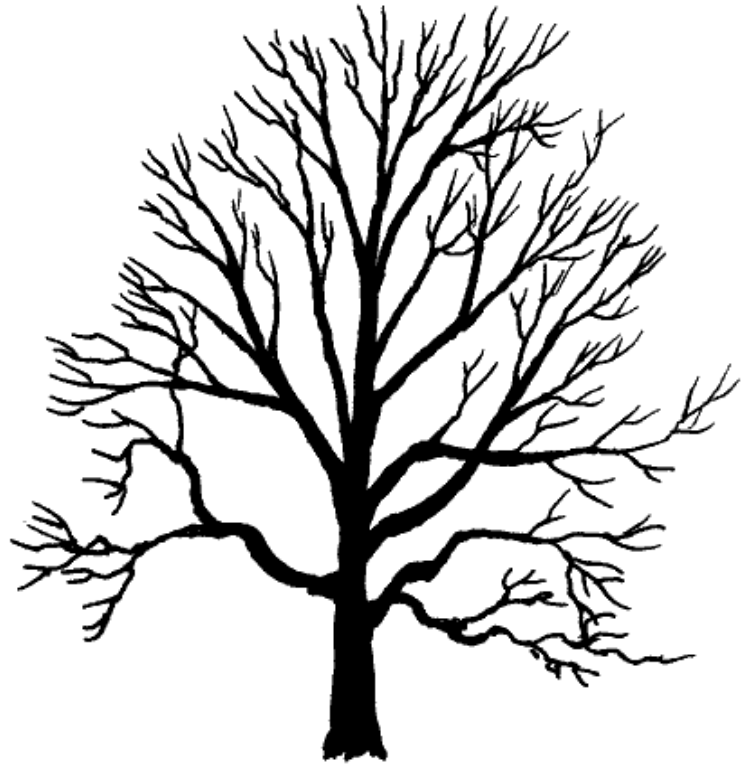
These four oaks are relatively easy to identify. But it gets a little tough in some cases because they readily hybridize with each other, especially the Interior and Canyon Live Oaks.

Our two Jays, Steller's and Scrub, as well as squirrels are partly responsible for the wide distribution of our oaks because they harvest acorns and stash them for the winter and then forget where they buried some of them.

We all know oak is a great stove and fireplace wood. It's dense, produces high BTUs and doesn't burn too fast. But in addition to oak wood, oak woodlands also offer important habitats for wildlife. They are nesting sites for many species of birds. Oak trees provide spaces for small animals to seek shelter from predators and bad weather, to breed, and to rest.

Oaks provide food for a variety of insects, birds and mammals. Our local deer can eat over 300 acorns a day in the fall, helping to create a fatty layer of insulation for the winter. Bears also depend on the acorn crop for their fat layer that keeps them going in hibernation.

Many plant species also depend on oaks. Some pose a danger to them; others live in symbiotic relationships, such as the lichens, which convert nitrogen containing compounds that the host oak can easily assimilate. Others



help break down dying oaks, recycling the dead wood of the tree into soil.

Oaks are relatively resistant to diseases and insect pests. Mistletoe can be serious but the trees can live with mistletoe for many years. The most serious threat to oaks is Sudden Oak Death. SOD is a fungus-like organism, related to the pathogen that caused the Irish potato famine in the 1800s. First noticed in 1985, SOD had become a full scale epidemic by 1999. Many species of oak have become infected and quickly died but some seem to be able to live with the disease. SOD is not here yet but is slowly moving from the coast across the Central Valley. Estimates vary as to when it will arrive in the Northern Sierra Nevada. At this time, there is no cure or any preventative measures that can be used for stopping the spread of SOD. It is already beginning to spread to other trees and shrubs, including Rhododendron, Maples, California Bay, Laurel, Huckleberry, Buckeye, and Coast Redwood. All of which grow here except Redwood.

Report by Bob Tate



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June Deadline - May 12th, 2011

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>.



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Ideas to Ponder



1. Take into account that great love and great achievements involve great risk.
2. When you lose, don't lose the lesson.
3. Follow the three Rs:
Respect for self,
Respect for others, and
Responsibility for all your

actions.

4. Remember that not getting what you want is sometimes a wonderful stroke of luck.
5. Learn the rules so you know how to break them properly.
6. Don't let a little dispute injure a great relationship.
7. When you realize you've made a mistake, take immediate steps to correct it.
8. Spend some time alone every day.
9. Open arms to change, but don't let go of your values.
10. Remember that silence is sometimes the best answer.
11. Live a good, honorable life. Then when you get older and think back, you'll be able to enjoy it a second time.
12. A loving atmosphere in your home is the foundation for your life.
13. In disagreements with loved ones, deal only with the current situation. Don't bring up the past.
14. Share your knowledge. It's a way to achieve immortality.
15. Be gentle with the earth.
16. Once a year, go someplace you've never been before.
17. Remember that the best relationship is one in which your love for each other exceeds your need for each other.
18. Judge your success by what you had to give up in order to get it.
19. Approach love and cooking with reckless abandon.
20. Vigorously contribute and volunteer for your community.



Happy Springtime! - Editor

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Government & Police News



Supervisor News

by Maureen Kirk,
Butte County Supervisor, District 3

I am not sure if Cohasset had more snowfall this year than the average, but it seemed like it. The Public Works Department and Ray, in particular, worked hard to keep the roads safe. I was asked about plowing the school parking lot. It is not possible for the County to do that because of liability issues. I am not sure about the disposition of the negotiations between the Community Association and CUSD. It may be possible if Cohasset has some kind of lease or ownership. I have enjoyed Celina Westphal's photos of winter and spring.

I am sorry to say that there has been no movement on extending DSL. I have been lobbying; and I have not forgotten.

The Board of Supervisors has an important meeting scheduled. The topic will be marijuana, specifically the size of lots and the number of plants allowed. The meeting will be Wednesday, May 4, at 5:30. It will be held at the Chico Elks Lodge. In my mind, the issue is neighborliness, and any enforcement will be complaint based. The issues are odor, traffic, visibility, and security issues that may involve guns and guard dogs. Please come and express your opinion.

We now have a part-time designated deputy for Cohasset. Deputy John Carrillo's biography is in a separate part of this newsletter. I have known John for many years, and I know he is dedicated and experienced. I will arrange for a visit to introduce him to the community in the near future.

I am happy to report that the County budget is stable. We have made some difficult decisions that have enabled us to have reasonable reserves and carryover funds. We are still subject to revenue decreases in sales tax and property tax, but we have budgeted for them. The unknown is whether the State will pass on unfunded mandates. It is all in flux.

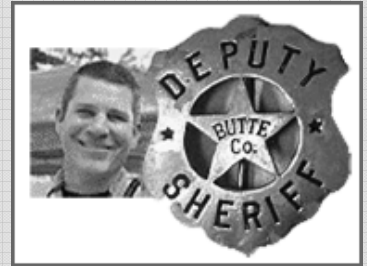
I like this quote by Doug Larson: "Wisdom is the quality that keeps you from getting into situations where you need it."

Enjoy the Spring!

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Police Beat

by Butte County Sheriff's
Detective Doug Patterson



Over the last several weeks, I have come across

numerous Butane Honey Oil labs (BHO) within Butte County. If you are not familiar with what a BHO lab is, I will explain. It is the extraction of THC (the active ingredient in marijuana) using a chemical method (such as butane). I cannot explain the process in making BHO, but it can be found on YouTube and other web sites for your knowledge.

The problem is this: Not only is it illegal to manufacture BHO, it is extremely dangerous. The manufacturing of BHO carries the same penalty as a methamphetamine lab—11379.6 Health and Safety Code. The finished product can look like honey or dark molasses, and the consistency is the same as honey—hence its name. BHO can be up to 70 percent THC.

The dangerous part is its explosive nature. Several homes have been destroyed and several people killed in Butte County due to BHO labs. The flash point of butane is -76 degrees Fahrenheit! Flash point means the lowest temperature necessary to vaporize a product to form an ignitable mixture in air. Butane's boiling point is 31.1 degrees Fahrenheit. This means at 31.1 degrees, butane will boil at sea level. In the manufacturing process these vapors are released, and if an ignition source is found an explosion will occur. It only takes 10 cans of butane in a 12'x12'x8' room to cause an explosion and level a home. I highly advise anyone to stay clear of manufacturing BHO.

On another note, Cohasset has a new Deputy Sheriff on patrol who is assigned to Cohasset. His name is John Carrillo, and he is a very experienced peacekeeper. I think you will be very happy with his service, and if you see him, please introduce yourself.

Stay safe and I'll talk with you next time.

Report by Detective Doug Patterson
Contact Detective Patterson at:
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President's Message

Spring Greetings, Cohasset!



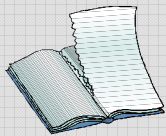
Amazing how fast time goes by. While we are fast approaching the month of June, it is time to think about voting for the 2011-12 Cohasset Community Association Board of Directors.

Although the past seven years have been an absolute pleasure, I am looking forward to pursuing other interests; therefore, I am retiring as the President and from the CCA Board in June.

The time is NOW! Volunteer! Take this opportunity to become involved in what direction the Association is going. Make it your turn; you really can make a difference by serving a term on the Cohasset Community Association Board of Directors.

Respectfully submitted by Jill Stewart

Cohasset Professor Passes Away



Dr. Karl Hans Daumer, a former Cohasset resident for 22 years, died on January 11, 2011, in Eugene, OR.

Hans, as we all called him, was an early member of the community association and a volunteer fireman. He lived at three different locations, building on two, Pine Knob off Ponderosa Way and 123 Jack Rabbit Flat. He was a professor at CSU Chico in the School of Business before retiring in 1993.

Report by Karl's friend Rupert McDowell

New Deputy for the Foothills John A. Carrillo to Protect and Serve Cohasset

John A. Carrillo was sworn in as Butte County Sheriff's newest reserve deputy on November 9, and he has an impressive history and career in law enforcement.

He grew up in Hamilton City, and when he was in 8th grade, a deputy spoke to his class about careers in law enforcement. He also went on a school-sponsored field trip to the Department of Justice in Sacramento.

"That deputy and my experience at DOJ really opened my eyes to the possibilities of having a career in law enforcement," he said. After high school, Carrillo joined the U.S.

Army and served as a Military Police Officer. He was stationed at Fort Hood, Texas, and in Northern Italy. During this time, he continued his education and completed his military commitment after three years.

When Carrillo returned to Glenn County, his neighbor, then Deputy Larry Jones (who is now Sheriff of Glenn County) became a mentor to him and recommended Carrillo attend the law enforcement academy at Butte College.

Carrillo graduated in the 37th Academy and went on to work as a police officer for 10 years for the city of El Cerrito (between Richmond and Berkeley). He had many assignments, including working as a vice detective and going undercover on narcotics work.

When Carrillo wanted to return to the North State and be closer to his family, he started working for the Chico Police Department. He went on to serve at Chico PD for 19 years! He held a variety of assignments while at Chico PD, including being on their Special Weapons and Tactics Team and Gang Unit, and continued to work on narcotics enforcement. He was promoted to sergeant and then to lieutenant in 2000. Carrillo continues to teach courses at the law enforcement academy on such topics as Emergency Management and Domestic and International Terrorism.

Carrillo retired from Chico PD in May 2010, and he still has a desire to serve the community and stay involved in promoting homeland security.

So, he decided to become a Butte County Sheriff's Reserve Deputy. "I want to be of assistance to the Sheriff's Office, which has a lot of opportunities for service."

by Paula M. Felipe, Crime Prevention Coordinator



Cohasset Community Events

Annual Cohasset Road Clean-Up Saturday May 14th, at 8:00 AM



Come join your neighbors to clean up Cohasset Road. The road clean-up is not only one of the most important tasks we as a community can do for the upkeep of Cohasset, but the reward is immediate, not to mention it's fun too.

Meet at the Cohasset Community Association Building at 8:00 AM, May 14th. Coffee, juice and pastries will be served. Papa Murphy's pizza will be served when we finish. Bring gloves and water.

Pickups, vests and bags will be provided. Questions? Call Rupert McDowell at 343-5701.

Annual Cemetery Clean-up Saturday, May 21st at 8:00 AM



It's getting close to Memorial Day, and we'd like to have the cemetery looking good by then. Please join us for the Annual Cemetery Clean-Up on Saturday, May 21st. We'll begin at 8:00 am and leave when we're finished. If you have a rake, pitch fork, or leaf blower, please bring it along. Looking forward to seeing you there.

Call Bill Shinn 345-7857 if you have questions.

. The more the merrier!



501(c)3 Status Report

The Cohasset Community Association is currently designated as a 501(c)4 organization. Why is the CCA working to become a 501(c)3?

You may wonder what the difference is between a 501(c)3 and a 501(c)4 organization. Both are considered non-profits that are exempt from paying federal income tax. 501(c)3 organizations are either a public charity, private foundation or private operating foundation with open membership whereas 501(c)4 organizations are civic leagues or associations operated exclusively for the promotion of social welfare or local associations of employees with limited membership.

Although it does not pertain to the mission of the CCA there are also differences when it comes to lobbying and political activities. 501(c)3 organizations are not permitted to engage in political activity, but 501(c)4 organizations can do all of the above.

Donations made to 501(c)3 organizations are deductible to the full extent of the law as charitable contributions. Donations made to 501(c)4 organizations are not deductible. Becoming a 501(c)3 opens the doors to larger donations as well as grants and governmental funding.

Working to become 501(c)3 has become an arduous and time-consuming task. Following is a time line of recent activities. An application was submitted August 2, 2010 to the IRS to approve the CCA as a 501(c)3. January 18, 2011 the CCA received a letter from the IRS requesting additional information including an amendment to the CCA's Articles of Incorporation to broaden the scope of the association. A vote was taken by the membership and the Amended Articles were submitted to the CA Secretary of State on February 24, 2011. Everything requested by the IRS was completed with the exception of the approved amendment from the state of CA.

The CCA is awaiting approval of the amendment and has been granted multiple two-week extensions until last week. The IRS will not grant the CCA any more extensions and the application has been put in the suspended file. Emails have been sent to Wally Herger and both senators for assistance with the extensions.

The state is currently processing applications received February 2 and the CCA's was received February 24. The Secretary of State, the State Senator and Assembly members have been emailed for help. Only Dan Logue's office responded but was unable to expedite the approval.

The CCA is in jeopardy of losing all that has been worked for including the \$850 initial filing fee and the many hours committed. It is frustrating that governmental responses take so long yet we are expected to complete requests in a timely manner.

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Free Pancake Breakfast For New, Renewing and Lifetime Members of the CCA Saturday, June 18 from 8 to 11 A.M.



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

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!

Report by Janice Lee



Cohasset 4-H Club News

The Cohasset 4-H club is busy preparing for the 2011 Silver Dollar Fair from May 26th to 30th. This year 10 club members will be entering the Swine event, which includes an auction after the judging. Our talented Arts and Crafts members will enter several crafts and drawings at the Fair, with several entries for the Welding/Metal Fabrication competition. Come on down and support your local 4-H at the Silver Dollar Fair!

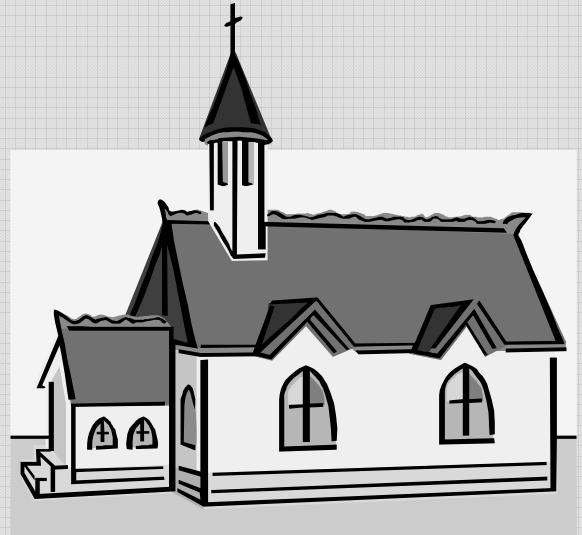
After the Fair, the Cohasset 4-H will wrap-up the 2010-2011 season with the annual Cohasset 4-H End of Year Party on Saturday, June 11th. This fun-filled event will include a BBQ lunch, swimming, and awards presentation. Cohasset 4-H will reconvene in September when the 2011-2012 season gets underway.

We would like to thank all the community members who have supported Cohasset 4-H fund-raisers and events this year. This includes the county 4-H Fun Day in February, the annual St. Patrick's Day Corned Beef Dinner, or the various Round Table Pizza fund-raisers on behalf of Cohasset 4-H. A big THANK YOU to all 4-H supporters!

For more information about Cohasset 4-H, contact Club Leader Midge Vander Velden at 343-7332.

Report by MidgeVander Velden

Community Church News



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 & May Calendar

2nd Annual CCA Giant Yard Sale Coming June 18th



Save the date: Saturday June 18 from 9am to 2pm at the CCA building

Last year's yard sale was very successful in raising funds for the CCA.

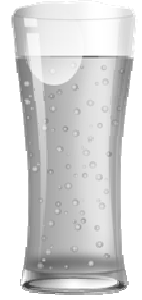
Let's do it again. Collect those special items that you no longer need and donate them to the sale.

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 Mayeve Tate.

Brew Club News

On April 5th it was confirmed that the home brewers who made a beer from the same recipe were good brewers or all equally bad. Everyone brewed a beer that was similar yet different and all drinkable. The meeting was very interesting to all the brewers, in that we could talk about how we used different methods to arrive at the same end result. June 7th will present another opportunity for club members to brew the same style using different hops and thus add to our knowledge of what flavors hops actually contribute to a beer. The style will be IPA and a bonus style for those who don't care for hoppy beers will be wheat beer. Basic recipes will be sent out to members soon, so if some of us want to brew the same base recipe we can.



The May 3rd meeting at 7PM will be an open tasting, which means, bring whatever home brew you have that you think people would enjoy trying, or bring a problem beer for diagnosis.

*Report by David Westphal
eastrise@earthlink.net*

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 10:30am Church Service	2 7-8pm Cohasset 4-H Meeting	3 7-9pm Brew Club	4	5 7-9pm Cohasset Volunteer Fire Dept Mtg	6	7
8 10:30am Church Service 10:00am African Dance Mother's Day	9 <i>Reminder!</i>	10	11 12pm-2pm Commodities Distribution	12 6:30pm CCA Board Mtg	13 <i>Excellent</i>	14 8:00am Annual Cohasset Road Clean-Up
15 10:30am Church Service	16	17 8pm Emergency Pre- paredness Mtg	18	19 7-9pm Cohasset Volunteer Fire Dept. Mtg	20	21 5:30pm CCA Potluck 8:00am Cemetery Clean-Up
22 10:30am Church Service 10:00am Africa Dance	23 <i>Hot!</i>	24	25	26	27 <i>Don't Forget</i>	28 7-9pm CCA Bingo!
29 10:30am Church Service	30 Memorial Day	31	<h1>May 2011</h1>			

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*Not leaving town for
Memorial Day weekend?*

BINGO!

Saturday, May 28th

Bingo card sales start at 6 pm

Games start at 7 pm.

Stay local and save gas by playing CCA Bingo with your fellow community members. CCA Bingo will be held on Saturday, May 28, 2011.

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

