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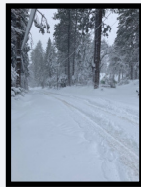
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Cohasset CA Storm of 2023

Snomageddon! Snopocolypse! People on the hill will never forget the storm of '23!

It all started on the evening of Feb. 23. A light dusting of snow was falling when I went to bed that night. We had all heard that it was coming. Little did we know the calamity that would hold Cohasset under siege for the next three weeks. When a tree fell on the main road the next morning, traffic was stuck going both ways (including the snow plows). To make things worse, power was knocked out for about 18 hours and the snow just kept falling.



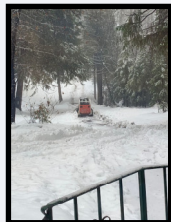
Cohasset Rd. 2/25

With many residents unable to get out their driveways, our local heroes with tractors and bobcats went to work. It was so great to have folks up here that were able and willing to help each other out. With the plows leaving berms of up to 5 feet deep, heavy equipment was the only way to move it. Many of these folks did this from the kindness of their hearts, and we are truly grateful to live in a place where people really care! But regardless, Mother Nature kept pouring it on, seemingly to test our endurance and survival instincts. Folks were rapidly running out of food, firewood and propane. Emergency crews were coming up and rescuing folks using snowcats, even in the middle of the night. But we faced these challenges with humor, patience and compassion for those

who needed help.

Social media played a big part in keeping lines of communication open. I know that many don't really like relying on Facebook for information, but it proved again to be a very useful tool during this episode.

What we all need to remember, is that this is Cohasset, and we are Cohassians! The spirit of Cohasset includes our tenacity in situations like this. And also remember that the CCA was formed 52 years ago to ensure that we were self-sufficient and not dependent on the state or county to save us. And even though Cal-Fire, PG&E, Butte County and the State of California



Kyle Clark 2/26

have been swamped with this storm of the century, they have not let us down in the critical times. Cal-Fire alone has responded to over 100K incidents so far this year!

So as we watch the snow melt, we need to be grateful for all those wonderful people who have braved the elements, fixed the power lines, plowed the roads, driven the school bus, the mail and the garbage trucks, and made the rescues.

And when the summer doldrums hit, we can relax and re-tell some great stories about the Storm of the Century!

-Dan Holmes, CCA President

Tomorrow's forecast.



Facebook post 3/1/23



Dan Hamilton 2/27



Cohasset School 2/29

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Bingo NEWS!

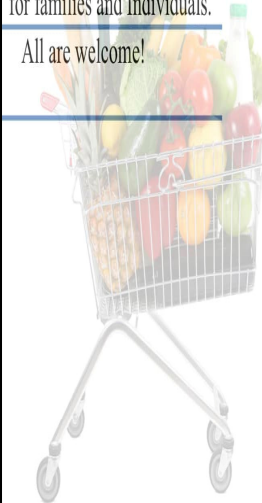
Bingo in February did not disappoint! In addition to our great turnout, we had a whole lot of laughs together. We had a unanimous vote for “Best Dressed Valentine”. Kenni and David brought their A game! David won that contest along with passing out chocolates to our voting audience. They brought delicious, home-made jerky that the crowd loved.

Look out on our Facebook groups to see when the next CCA presented Bingo in Cohasset will take place!



Free groceries are available for families and Individuals.

All are welcome!



Chico:

Where: Faith Lutheran Church
667 E. 1st Ave.
Chico

When: 1st & 3rd Fridays of every month
10 am-12 pm

This is a drive thru distribution.

We request that you do not arrive before 9:30 am. We also accept walk ups.

925.676.7543 or 707.421.9777
4010 Nelson Ave, Concord, CA 9
www.foodbankccs.org

Need to Bring: Nothing – Just show up!

Cohasset Chili Cookoff

Cohasset’s very own chili cookoff is back this year and we’re looking for the best.

Come show off your chili skills!

Multiple categories to win including theme authenticity (Theme to be announced soon)

April 29th from 11am - 4pm is when it’s all happening

Setup for contestants at 9:30am If you think you have what it takes, contact Candace Erickson by text at 1 (530) 680-3002 or Facebook Messenger to become a contestant!

\$20 entry fee applies, donated raffle prize is optional.

Chili Cookoff- April 29

Get ready for some fun, music and great Cohasset Chili! From 11-4 at the CCA. Also this year, we are seeking donations of Corn Bread and/or Muffins. Contact

Candace 630-8002 to enter!



Mountain Music Starts

Again on May 20!

Great music, pizza and cold drinks once a month at the CCA! Join us every third

Saturday for one of the best parties in Cohasset. 6PM-10PM



CCA Yard Clean Up

Day

April 22, 9 a.m.-1p.m.



Please help us get the yard ready for our spring events. Mountain Music and the Chili Cook Off are just around the corner. Bring your gloves, rakes, wheelbarrows, etc. Snacks, coffee, and tea will be provided.

FireSafe Council Meeting

April 6, 2pm

The next CFSC meeting will feature a presentation on making **BioChar!** Biochar is a material that is made from burning slash that is good for gardens and soils. Since everyone has plenty of the makin's, you can come and find out just how easy it is to create this interesting stuff.

Cohasset Cupboard April 1

The wonderful commodities folks will resume food distribution on April 1. We're sorry for the disruption of our schedule, but you probably remember that little weather event that just took place!

Cal-Trans Free Dump Day

Saturday, March 25 7-2pm

Time for some Cohasset spring cleaning? Check out the flyer on page 4 for details. Note: this will be held in Chico, not at the landfill.

Bingo Nites!

March 18 & April 15 at the CCA! 7pm

Come test your luck and win. Or NOT. Who cares, it's a lot of fun and Nicole is a wonderful Host!

4-H Soup Sale!

April 2nd, 11a.m.2p.m.

CCA Building



Please come support the Cohasset 4-H programs and projects. We will be making soups for all dietary preferences to eat there or to go. Bread from Hearth and Stone will be provided!

4-H Meetings will Resume on March 22.

Sorry we missed you last time, but with the power outage, we decided to postpone.



CLEAN CALIFORNIA DUMP DAY

SATURDAY, MARCH 25, 2023 | 7AM – 2PM*

*or until capacity is reached

Caltrans will have staff on site to accept household waste and approved debris at no charge.

Location: 2535 Notre Dame Boulevard, Chico, CA 95928

The following items will be accepted on a limited basis:

- **Tires:** (up to 4 each) per vehicle - removed from wheels
- **Mattresses:** box springs, and futon mattresses - detached from frame or base (up to 4 each) per vehicle
- **Household Appliances** – excluding refrigerators, freezers, or any appliances containing compressed gas

The following items will NOT be accepted at this event:

- **Hazardous Materials** (batteries, paints, oils, chemicals, pesticides, smoke detectors, fluorescent lights, etc.)
- **E-Waste** or Universal Waste (televisions, video equipment, computer monitors, electronic devices of any kind)
- **Concrete**, dirt, rocks, brick, asphalt, or sand
- **Treated Wood Waste**
- **Asbestos** of any type
- **Compressed gas**

Residents of Butte County may visit <https://bit.ly/37R2b5X> to find information about disposing household hazardous waste. Once space is filled, waste may not be accepted.

This event may be canceled due to operational demands.

This Dump Day event is organized to further Caltrans' goal of keeping California highways litter-free as part of the Clean California Initiative.



For More Information, Contact:
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Guessing everyone has LOTS of branches, sticks and other debris in their yards and property! Remember the Butte County Fire Safe Council CHIPPER is coming up regularly to Cohasset! Call 877-0984 to get on the list.



SAVE THE DATE

AUGUST 5TH 2023

**COHASSET
BAZAR**



4-H Soup Sale
Sunday, April 2, 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m.
Cohasset Community Assoc. Building

Join us for a variety of soups for everyone's tastes and dietary preferences, accompanied by Hearth and Stone bread. \$5 for one bowl or \$15 for all you can eat. Desserts will be available for an additional donation. This event helps provide the funds that support the projects and activities of our Cohasset Club.

4-H Report

A lot has happened with 4-H since our last report in the December newsletter. We had the Cohasset Children's Christmas Store, participated in the Butte County 4-H Fun Night and are moving ahead with all our projects. Unfortunately we had to postpone our Soup Sale due to the weather conditions, and have now rescheduled it for April 2.

The Christmas Store was a huge success. Thank you all for your donations of items for the sale. We had lots of shoppers and were busy all day. Families also enjoyed cookies and hot drinks supplied by our Cooking Project. Thanks also to the community members who helped wrap the gifts and to those who made donations to our club.

Next, we built a game booth for the Butte County 4-H Fun Night at the Silver Dollar Fairgrounds. Each club in the county is encouraged to make a game booth for the event. This year's theme was "Down on the Farm". Our booth was an animal roping game called "Mountain Ropers". We won the 3rd place award for best themed booth. The judges were most impressed that the work was done by the members and not the parents. Our game was very popular with children of all ages.



4-H Fun Night

All our projects are moving forward. We had our first Outdoor Adventures meeting at Maple Creek Ranch in February with a Chinese New Year's scavenger hunt. The rest of the projects are moving forward on a monthly schedule.

Next up is our Soup Sale. The new date is Sunday, April 2, 11:30 -2 p.m. We will have a variety of soups for all dietary preferences. We also have Hearth and Stone bread included. It's \$5 for a bowl and \$15 for all you can eat. Desserts are available for an extra donation. This is the major fundraiser for our local club that supports our local activities.

Looking ahead, we are excited about continuing with our projects, participating in the Chili Cook Off, and getting a little relief from the snow.



Road Boss Needed!

The Annual Cohasset Road Cleanup Crew needs a BOSS!

If you are interested in heading up, or being a co-BOSS for this project, contact any CCA board member or Dan Holmes (dm or text to (530) 514-1125 to find out more. We have a list of items to be completed in advance.

We would like to get things rolling as soon as possible and set a date for late May/ early June.



1.4 Million for Cohasset Road Improvements

Jan 9, 2023

Press Release

(Washington, D.C.) – Today, Congressman Doug LaMalfa (R – Richvale) announced that he obtained \$1,800,000 for the Roe Road Extension Project and \$1,400,000 for the Cohasset Road Widening and Fire Safety Project in Butte County.

The Roe Road Extension Project in Paradise would provide new intersections at streets that experienced a high volume of traffic-related fatalities as victims tried to safely evacuate during the 2018 Camp Fire. The Cohasset Road Widening and Fire Safety Project would improve the only route serving the area, which is in a location that is prone to wildfires. This project widens the existing roadway, adds expanded shoulders, drainage, and guardrail improvements to help emergency services as well as improve capacity in the event of evacuations.

“Making sure that rural escape routes are accessible for first responders and residents so they can evacuate during an emergency, like a wildfire, are critical. These projects will help prevent traffic bottlenecks, especially during emergencies and potentially save lives. Obtaining these federal funds to help Butte County and the town of Paradise to recover from our disasters and prepare to avoid new ones are examples of good expenditures that truly improve our quality of life,” **said Congressman LaMalfa.**

A Message from Senator Brian Dahle:

Dear Friends,

I know many of you, or someone you know, may have experienced a loss of work due to the recent winter storm. I wanted to reach out to let those impacted know that you might be eligible for disaster-related unemployment insurance. The EDD has waived the one-week waiting period for applying for unemployment for those affected by these recent storms.

My staff reached out to the EDD on how to apply for these funds. If you are applying online, there is a drop-down box to choose what separation category. From there choose “laid off/no work.” Then under the separation explanation please choose the option “inclement weather.”

If you are applying via mail with a paper application, on item 25g briefly explain the reason you are no longer working due to the winter storms. Additionally, on page 11 of the application make sure to explain how the winter storms have affected you.

If you have any questions or need additional assistance please reach out to my district offices and my staff will be more than happy to help. I hope you are staying safe and warm! Sincerely,
Senator Brian Dahle

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On Thursday, February 23rd, what was to become an historic winter storm began to settle down in Cohasset. We knew a storm was forecast, but no one could even imagine what it would look like after 2 weeks.

Most of us have the basic preparations to last at least a week – food, water, wood for stoves – and winter clothing and boots. However, even with good preparation going into this monster storm, I don't think anyone was completely prepared.

No plows started to work Thursday night. Friday morning came with over 2 feet of snow and Cohasset Road closed due to a down tree. We lost power and the snow kept falling. When the plows finally were able to get to Cohasset, they were underpowered and underequipped for the snow they encountered. It wasn't until late Friday night that an articulated road grader with blades was able to finally find Cohasset Rd. At least many of us had the GMRS radios and were able to check on one another and summon help.

The next two weeks, though March 9th, become a blur. We are calling them "Blurzdays", a name given to them by a dear neighbor. On Sunday, February 26th, several wonderful Cohassians got out their bobcats, tractors, 4x4's and set about trying to help dig out some driveways and private roads, and cutting through the snow berms left by the plows.

As neighbors were able to get out to go to town, they asked others if they needed anything. Gas for generators, propane for heaters and food were common requests. Several great men were walking supplies back to stranded, elderly neighbors who had run out. By the afternoon of the 28th, we were measuring 50.75" and it was still snowing. We had a couple of medical calls here that required Butte County Search and Rescue (SAR) to respond to help evacuate them to the waiting 4 wheel drive ambulances.

As bad as Cohasset Rd was, the other two county roads were barely 1 lane and the private roads nearly or completely impassible. Due to the severity of the storm and the fact it hit most of the state with the same ferociousness, even with a local declaration of emergency, there was just not much equipment available. Butte County C.E.R.T. was brought in to start getting emergency supplies

of food and propane out to those that could not get out of their homes.

On Saturday, March 4th, I received a call from CERT that they were at Station 22 with some supplies. Kathy Lawson, Nicole Regan and Seth Mitchell rushed down to the Station to take the supplies to be distributed as we learned of those in need.

By Thursday, March 9th, homes were being threatened with collapsing roofs due to the now 77" of snow. I know of at least 9 people who responded to one home to help save it from collapse and I am sure there are other testimonies I haven't heard of.

The biggest takeaway I have from these two weeks of unrelenting snow, is that we live in the best mountain community in the world. The quality and caliber of our neighbors, the care and concern shown by all was a testimony in itself. To live in a community where everyone pitched in to do what they could is beyond wonderful.

Now, looking forward. What have each of you learned? What preparations worked and which ones didn't? We have been looking over some of these questions in hopes to come up with some improvements.

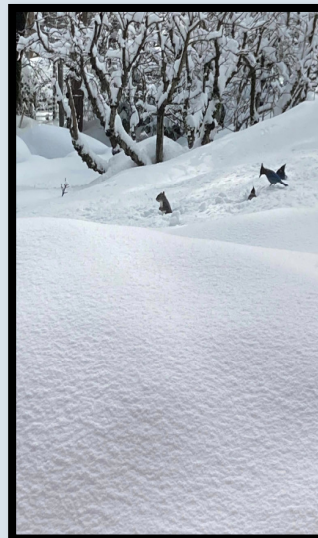
As many of you know, I started the Emergency Preparedness Committee, at the request of the Cohasset Community Association Board of Directors, following a severe winter storm January 4, 2008. Many of my original volunteers are still active, joined by a few newer members. We will be scheduling a meeting in April to hopefully listen to your concerns, needs and offer up some suggestions. We can all learn from each other. Once again, no matter how much help the County might like to give us, we're on our own until they get here.

Take care, stay safe and hope to see you in April.

The date will be announced.

Maggie Krehbiel

Chair, CCA Emergency Preparedness Committee



Cohasset
35°
Haze
H:39° L:34°

▲ Winter Storm Warning
Winter Storm Warning until 4:00 AM, Wednesday, March 1.
National Weather Service - Northeast Foothills/Sacramento Valley

○ HOURLY FORECAST

| 5AM | 6AM | 6:44AM | 7AM | 8AM |
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| ☁ | ☁ | ☀ | ☁ | ☁ |
| 50% | 60% | 70% | 80% | 80% |
| 35° | 34° | Sunrise | 34° | 33° |

☐ 10-DAY FORECAST

