

# Newsletter



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July 2019

## Let the Tradition Live On!

Hey Cohasset! It's that time of year once again, mark your calendar!

Saturday, August 3rd, is the 49th Annual Cohasset Bazaar & Music Festival, (CB&MF) 10:00 AM to 6 PM. Admission is \$5, kids 12 and under are free!

Celebrate this Cohasset tradition while enjoying an entire day of food, fun, and entertainment. There will be a parade, live music, craft vendors, children's activities, raffle prizes, bake sale, BBQ, Natural Foods, beer & wine, and so much more. Several great bands will be playing this year including Jimmy and Diane, Mandalyn May, Red Dirt Bullies, Fine Red Wine, Stump Jumpers, and for the first time ever, 3Pints Down!

The CB&MF is hosted by the Cohasset Community Association, a 501 (c)3 non-profit organization. The Bazaar is our primary fundraising event,

the CCA relies entirely on the proceeds to keep the doors of the Community Center open and available for everyone to use and enjoy.

Your financial contributions during



this time are essential for meeting our goal to cover the general expenses, most significantly the property insurance, maintenance, taxes, and utilities.

Becoming a member of the CCA is the perfect way to show your support, please take the time to visit the mem-

bership booth to sign-up, or to renew your membership, just \$20.00 for a year-long family membership. Become a Music Sponsor! For \$100 you, or your business, can sponsor the music portion of the Bazaar and receive recognition for your contribution, or remain anonymous, if you prefer.

Vendor space is available, \$25 for members and \$35 for non-members. Call or text Jill Stewart at (530) 570-3088 for an application.

To volunteer, or for more information please call:

- Jill Stewart at (530) 570-3088
- Candace Erickson (530) 680-3002

Don't miss out on all the fun; show your community support by attending this significant event. Show you care, be there!

*By: Jill Stewart*

## Distracted Driving

Driving is a complex task, requiring a motorist's full attention. Anything that diverts the driver's eyes or attention from the roadway, even for 1-2 seconds, could result in tragedy. The bottom line, whatever the distraction, "It's Not Worth It!" Not only do they put themselves at risk, multi-tasking drivers increase the risk of injuring or killing their passengers, bicyclists, pedestrians, or innocent victims traveling in another vehicle. Safe operation of a vehicle requires motorists to pay attention to their driving, other vehicles around them and changing road conditions. Always drive defensively. You can't if your mind is someplace else.

According to a study conducted by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) and Virginia Tech Transportation Institute, distracted driving is "anything that diverts the

driver's attention away from the primary tasks of navigating a vehicle and responding to critical events." A distraction can be: visual -- something that takes your eyes off the road; cognitive -- something that takes your mind off of the road; or something that takes your hands off the steering wheel.

The National Safety Council (NSC) estimates that at least 28% or 1.6 million crashes are caused each year by drivers using cell phones and texting. The NSC estimates that 1.4 million crashes each year are caused by drivers using cell phones and a minimum of 200,000 additional crashes each year are caused by drivers who are texting. Reckless and distracted driving is the number one killer of teens in America. Focus on the road ahead and get to where you are going safely. It is the responsibility of all of

us who drive to help keep the roads safe. If you have teenagers in your family who are driving, make sure they understand the laws and what their responsibilities are as well.

Four times a year, your Chico CHP Office provides an interactive 1 1/2-2 hour, free of charge, safe driving awareness class for teens and their parents, called Start Smart. The program helps illustrate how poor choices behind the wheel of a car can affect the lives of numerous people. Start Smart also focuses on the responsibilities of newly licensed drivers, the Graduated Driver License (GDL) program, the responsibilities of parents/guardians, and collision-avoidance techniques. For dates and times of the next Start Smart presentation call the Chico CHP Office at (530) 332-2800.

*By~ Officer Blair Parrot, CHP*



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Kevin Sterling

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## **Message from the Prez:**

The CCA elections took place last month and I am excited at the prospect of serving as President of the Board. I was recruited to run for the board three years ago, by then President Lisa Vegvary. She was kind and encouraging and I was eager to get to know more people on the hill. Since then, I have had the pleasure of serving with several fantastic, community-minded, and hard-working people, as a member of the board.

The latest election allowed for some new faces to serve and some others to take some time off. DeDe Sterling, Kevin Sterling, Theresa Markwood, and Laura Puterbaugh have served on the board for a collective total of 20 years! They will be missed at the meetings, but we hope they have many new adventures ahead of them. Jill Stewart has stepped down from her role as President, but has graciously agreed to stay on as a board member and Chairwoman of the

Bazaar this year. Thank you all so much for all of your hard work, and sacrifice in making our community a better place to live! The spirit of community is strong in you all!

Our board now consists of several first-time members, as well as a few returning favorites.

We hope to have one more member join our board at the next meeting on July 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm. The board will then be complete.

I am extremely thankful to live in Cohasset! My family and I have lived here for 6 years, the longest I have lived in any one place since I was a child. I served on active duty in the U.S. Army for several years, and my husband served in the U.S. Navy for many years as well. We are happy to have found a unique and beautiful place to set down some roots. Thank you Cohasset, and thank you to all of the people who make it what it is!

*By: Melissa Zaros*

## **Supervisor Says...**

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

I would first like to introduce myself to those of you I have not met at my monthly office hours at the community center. For those of you who would like to connect in person I am at the Cohasset Community Center on the 3rd Tuesday of the month (4pm-6pm) and the Forest Ranch Community Center on the 4th Thursday of the month (5pm until the end of the monthly meeting). Of important note: July's Cohasset meeting will be moved, due to a previously scheduled event.

My meetings and communications with my mountain communities have highlighted a few specific themes: fire safety/ preparedness, road maintenance, insurance concerns, and cell coverage/connectivity.

At last month's Board of Supervisors meeting I agendized a letter of support to our Insurance Commissioner, Ricardo Lara, to "review alternatives to enable residents in the Wildland-Urban Interface to obtain adequate and affordable property insurance" (see Item 4.03B). I have heard from many who have received non-renewals, drastically increased premiums, or notices of cancellation based entirely on zip code. The insurance industry is not subject to county or city regulations such as the City of Chico's price gouging ordinance that they passed immediately after the campfire. Any regulations or modifications are going to need to be initiated by the state. Your Board of Supervisors unanimously agreed to advocate with the Insurance Commissioner on behalf of our citizens.

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# Community Corner

## Donation to Butte County Fire Department Volunteer Fire Company 21

A huge Thank You from Butte County Fire Department Volunteer Fire Company 21 in Cohasset to Naomi McClintock (McClintock Family Trust) for the generous monetary donation. The money was used to purchase a brand new Automatic External Defibrillator (AED, used for cardiac emergencies) for volunteer apparatus, Squad 21 and the Cohasset Community.

In October 2018, while performing routine weekly tool and equipment maintenance on Squad 21 it was determined that the AED was out of service and in need of repair. The AED was sent off to the manufacturer, Zoll Medical Corporation, and a loaner unit acquired. At the repair facility, it was determined the unit was out of warranty

and would cost as much if not more to repair the unit then to purchase a new one. Having very limited funds, a decision was made to seek funding options to replace the AED which ended up taking us through a few frustrating avenues. Having heard of the situation, Naomi McClintock stepped forward and offered to purchase a new AED for the Volunteer Fire Company. With the funds secured the order was placed, and proudly a new AED was placed into service February of 2019. This invaluable piece of equipment will serve the Cohasset Community for years to come.

We cannot express enough the gratitude for your generosity and on behalf of Butte County Fire Department Volunteer Fire Company 21 we again thank you for your donation.

*By: Fire Captain Shane Cook*

*CAL FIRE, Station 22 – Cohasset*

## CCA Calendar

### Yoga

- Tuesdays 6pm (except 3rd)
- Sundays 9:30am

### Commodities

- 2nd Wednesday 11am - 1pm

### Brew Club

- 3rd Wednesday 7pm

### Mountain Music

- 3rd Saturday 6 - 10 pm

### Cohasset Parents Playgroup

- twice a month. meeting times are posted in "Cohasset Parents" facebook group

### CCA Board Meeting

- 2nd Thursday 6:30pm
- Next meeting is July 11th

### CCA EPC/FSC Meeting

- 3rd Saturday
- Next meeting is Sept. 23rd
- 1:30 PM committee meeting
- 2PM public meeting

### Yard Clean-up

- July 27th 8am

### Supervisor Ritter Office Hours

- 3rd Tuesday 4 - 6 pm
- Next Meeting is August 20th

### Bazaar Planning Meeting

- July 15th, 6pm

### 49th Annual Bazaar

- August 3rd, 10am - 6pm

## Road clean-up 2019

Thank you to everyone that helped out in this years' road clean-up. Amazingly the rain held off long enough for us to finish the road. A very special thank you to my right hand gal Linda Hartsong! Also, a special thank you to the Zaros family for separating recycling and hazardous waste, also for taking all the tires and our equipment all the way out to the dump. Thank you to Karyl Clark and my husband Kevin for driving everyone around and picking up bags.

A special thank you goes out to the Highway Patrol! Officer Joe Ortiz and his STAR companion Midge Vandervelden helped keep all the trash picker uppers safe by slowing down traffic. Of course there would not be a road clean-up without all of you volunteers out there. We are all very thankful for you because you not only make Cohasset a more beautiful place on the outside, but also on the inside! It's this community that makes Cohasset such a wonderful place to live!

Thank you everyone!

*By: DeDe Sterling*



# Fire Safety Updates

## Cohasset's EPC/FSC Brings Ice Cream Back To The Bazaar!

This year the Cohasset Emergency Preparedness Committee & Fire Safe Council will be selling ice cream at their booth. Anyone who attended the fire evacuation drill can get one free ice cream cone at the EPC/FSC booth by presenting their certificate at the booth. Anyone without a Certificate of Participation will have to buy their ice cream. We will serve ice cream until it runs out. So, come by early.

The EPC/FSC booth and the CalFire booth will be side by side. Various Butte County agencies have also been invited to share the EPC/FSC booth and to take part in answering questions.

It's been an exciting 8 months for the EPC/FSC. We have had the opportunity to bring in multiple speakers to talk to our community about brush clearing and tree thinning, and fire safety in general. We have been

working with Butte County's OES, the Sheriff Department, CalFire, and Highway Patrol to devise an evacuation plan for our ridge. We had our first fire evacuation drill this past May.

Trish Puterbaugh has been working diligently with the Butte County Fire Safe Council to get the brush along our roads cleared back. We didn't get the grant she applied for this time, but Trish and the EPC/FSC are not giving up. Maggie Krehbiel hasn't let up on the county to get the ditches along the road cleaned out. She is also pushing to have the road widened to the "Welcome to Cohasset" sign. Several EPC/FSC members are looking into the "Code Red" alert system and how well it did/didn't work during the evacuation drill.

The siren idea has been tabled for now, because the cost is prohibitive. To cover the whole ridge would require multiple sirens at a cost of

\$25,000 each, with a maintenance fee of about \$1,500 per siren every 5 years. We have heard that the Butte Co. OES is looking into installing such a system. It's my understanding that they are waiting to hear if grant money will be available for this kind of project. The Sheriff's Department is looking into putting sirens on their cars, and Maggie suggested putting these sirens on helicopters.

I know it's hard for some of you to make it out to the monthly EPC/FSC meetings, but please try to make it to this year's Bazaar, and stop by the EPC/FSC booth for fire safety advice, evacuation information, and of course ICE CREAM!!!!

See you all at the Bazaar,

*By: Kathy Lawson*

## Our First Evacuation Drill

Dear Fellow Cohassians,

Well, on May 18<sup>th</sup>, we had our very first table top evacuation drill. In attendance were 24 EPC/FSC volunteers and 16 additional Cohassian residents, along with representatives from Cal Fire, C.H.P., Butte County Sheriff's Department, and Butte County O.E.S.. In addition, Kathy Lawson put a power point presentation together which documented how impassible the route out through Deer Creek has become. Our heartfelt thanks go out to all that participated, especially considering the dreary, rainy day we encountered.

Thanks to Sheriff Honea, we were able to test the Code Red Alert system for Cohasset. We have been sent a graph, detailing the number of calls made, calls completed and text messages sent. However, it does not tell us how many actual residences were contacted and many received more

than one message. And, of course, many did not receive any message or call. Three of our volunteers are working on getting the information from Butte County on how many residences were notified. The Code Red Alert system is a voluntary system – you need to sign-up for it. Just go to the Butte County website and then to the Office of Emergency Management: <http://www.buttecounty.net/oem>. On the home page is the link you click on to sign-up for the notification. There are several other mass alert systems that would be used in an actual emergency. However, the County cannot run a community notification test utilizing those systems.

If you missed our first drill, not to worry! We will be having our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Evacuation Drill on Saturday, May 16, 2020! Please put it on your calendars. It is a proven fact that those that participate in these types of drills have the knowledge to prepare and evacuate much more efficiently

than those that do not.

Our next EPC/FSC drill will be on Saturday, September 21, 2019. The Committee will meet at 1:30pm at the CCA building and the community portion will begin at 2:00pm. In the meantime, please reach out to your immediate neighbors and start discussing plans that could be used to take care of not only each other, but each others' pets. Should you want information on doing this, please contact Kathy or myself and we can put you in touch with other volunteers that are already doing this.

Take care and see you in September,

*By: Maggie Krehbiel*

*Co-Chair, CCA EPC/FSC*

# Cohasset 4-H



the year with a pool party at Zeb and Laura Puterbaugh's house.

Aubrie Hughes and Kris Tina Huff showed their pigs at the Silver Dollar Fair and Kris Tina's pig won first place in the market category in her class. Grace Puterbaugh and

camp at Camp Rockin' U on Lake Francis. Camille will be a counselor. The Pockocks are also planning to show their rabbits in the Rabbit Meat Pen Division at the Butte County Fair.

We are looking forward to seeing everyone at the Cohasset Bazaar. Our first meeting for next year will be on Sept. 4, at 6:30 p.m. at the CCA. All school age youth are invited to join!

By~ Susana Malcolm

Cohasset 4-H just finished up their program year and we would like to thank the Cohasset community for all its support. We had a great year, with 18 members, the most in a decade. We had 6 projects, adding rabbits to our existing swine, hiking, cooking, welding, and arts and crafts projects.

Arya Pockock showed their welding projects. Miyagi, Arya, Haiden, and Kymani Pockock, Grace, and Krist Tina showed in a wide variety of arts and crafts categories, winning a variety of prizes.

This summer Camille Lingemann, Trinity Davis, Miyagi, Arya, and Haiden Pockock will be attending 4-H



Our members participated in a variety of county 4-H events including, Awards Night, Fun Night, and Rainbow Crafts Field Day. We also enjoyed participating in many Cohasset events such as the Chili Cook-Off, where we won the People's Choice Award. We were also out in force at the CCA yard clean-up day. We again organized the Cohasset Children's Christmas Store and the Soup-er Bowl. We made it to Paradise for an ice skating adventure and to the Januarys' for a talk on Native Americans. We finished off



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A significant change we were informed of at the meeting that has minimal impact on the residents of the mountain communities is the County of Butte's transition to an entirely vote-by-mail system. Since many of you have already been vote-by-mail this will not significantly impact the manner in which you vote. What will change is ballot drop-off locations, increased access to early voting, and extended registration/access to provisional ballots right up to election day.

Resource Update: I was requested by a few residents to provide information about what community resources residents may be eligible for at low or no cost. I am going to highlight one resource in each article. This month I want to tell you about the CaliforniaCareForce. On August 3rd and 4<sup>th</sup>, 2019 there will be free Dental and

Vision care available at the Silver Dollar Fairgrounds. Other medical services that will be available on site include flu shots, HIV testing, and registration for Veterans benefits and CalFresh. All services are FREE and you do not need proof of insurance, residency, immigration status, or an ID to receive them. You must register for the following day services at the Silver Dollar Fairgrounds on Friday and Saturday at 9:30. Veterans **DO NOT NEED TO COME THE DAY BEFORE**. If you would like more information or to sign-up to volunteer for the event please visit [www.CaliforniaCareForce.org](http://www.CaliforniaCareForce.org)

Supervisor Connelley and I proposed to the Board of Supervisors that all Veteran's wishing to rebuild in the Camp Fire area have all building permit costs waived. Through a grant with the Golden State Finance Authority

up to \$250,000 is now available for honorably discharged Veterans wishing to rebuild. This funding was approved by the Board by 4 of the 5 supervisors. (Supervisor Teeter was the dissenting vote).

Lastly, you might have heard that the county received a settlement of \$252 million from PG&E. This does not mean that the county will receive these Camp Fire related funds anytime soon as the process of settlement and distribution can take years.

I am honored to be serving you and welcome your questions, comments, and suggestions. Please feel free to call me at 891-2800, email me at [Tritter@buttecounty.net](mailto:Tritter@buttecounty.net), or stop by if you are in Chico, 196 Memorial Way.

*Warmly,*

*Tami*

## In Memoriam

Cohasset lost a beloved community member, Dean Markwood, on June 27, 2019. Dean's loving spirit, beautiful smile, and playful soul showed us how to live life with joy. Dean was a lover of golf, an artist and craftsman with wood, and above all, an amazing father and husband. He shared his love wholeheartedly and unabashedly, particularly for his wife Theresa, and two children, Marley and Alida. Our hearts are heavy, and we will miss him terribly, but we know that he would want us to celebrate his life, dance in his honor, tell a sarcastic joke, drink a Pale Ale, and support his family until they meet again. A celebration of his life will be held at the Cohasset Community Association on July 13<sup>th</sup>, 2019 beginning at 4pm.

*By: Laura Puterbaugh*



# Community Corner

## Cohasset Animal Evacuation Plan Tested in Cohasset

At the last Cohasset Emergency Planning Committee/Fire Safe Council meeting, North Valley Animal Disaster Group (NVADG) representatives presented the idea of having their annual drill in Cohasset this year. The crowd was very supportive, with many folk volunteering to help. The North Valley Animal Disaster Group was founded in 1999 and, by County Resolution, is the official County Animal Response Team (CART) responsible for evacuation and sheltering of animals during a disaster. They have wildland fire training as well as protective clothing, and Public Service radios to contact the Division Group Supervisors during an incident. Annually, in January, they put on a 16-hour weekend class to give an introduction to animal welfare. Throughout the next several months, they train to gain the necessary skills to handle small and large animals, learn proper radio communications, and train with the

Incident Command System. The training culminates with a huge surprise drill just before fire season.

On June 8th at 7:00 am, texts were sent to all 604 volunteers telling them of a (mock) fire coming toward Cohasset and asked to rendezvous at the Cohasset School. Since there were over 100 new volunteers who attended the January 2019 training, just the new volunteers were encouraged to attend. Several experienced mentors were put into positions to help guide the new folk. Community members were encouraged to get involved as role players and boy did they! We had numerous people calling our hotline and requesting evacuations, as well as people coming to the school. Although most people brought stuffed animals, there was some excitement when a live mini-horse name Buttercup showed up.

We appreciate your patience with the new volunteers and are extremely grateful that this was just a practice scenario - and not the real thing. Be

sure to have good clearance around your property, have a Go-bag with important items, and please make your animals part of your personal evacuation plan. If you are stuck in town during a fire and can't get up the hill, give NVADG a shout. Our Hotline is 530-895-000. If the Safety Officer allows it, we may be able to evacuate your animal for you. There is no guarantee. For example, during the Camp Fire, it was obviously not safe the first day for anybody to be in Paradise. However, starting on November 9th, we evacuated hundreds of animals, and sheltered thousands in over seven temporary animal shelters for the next three months.

For additional information, to inquire about joining, or make a donation, please visit our website at: [www.nvadg.org](http://www.nvadg.org)

*By: John Maretti*

*Founder and Executive Director NVADG*

## Be Bear-y Aware

This year an increased amount of bear activity has been noted in our community. While it is fun to follow their antics on Jill's trail cam Facebook postings, it is not so fun to find them on your porch or in your barn, freezer, chicken coop, or cherry tree. So I did a little online research and got some advice from the neighbors and came up with some ways to discourage bears around the homestead.

- TRASH - Keep your trash inside until trash day. Bag everything in plastic. I keep all food scraps in the freezer until they go out.
- CAR - Don't leave food, food wrappers, or other smelly stuff in the car.
- BIRDFEEDERS - Don't. Or bring them in at night.

- PET FOOD - Feed pets inside if you can. Bring in bowls after feeding if you can't. Keep animal food in a metal-lidded trash can locked inside and away from exterior walls.
- GRILLS - Clean them after use. Lock them in the garage when not in use.
- DOORS AND WINDOWS- Keep them closed and locked at night, especially the garage door. Get the beefiest doors you can.
- GARDEN AND ANIMAL PENS - This is the hardest. Electric fences help. So does having big, loud dogs. Motion sensor lights and sprinklers help. We had good luck with a motion sensor attached to a radio set to AM talk shows. I also keep a marine air horn handy. Some people have had luck repelling bears with Pine

Sol, ammonia, or neem oil. Keep your compost watered, and add lime. I gave up composting after a bear came for mine and destroyed my peach tree and left me a big steamer as thanks.

Finally, please, please, please, never feed bears. It is dangerous to you, your entire community, and the bear. Once bears associate people with food, they will invade human spaces to get it. It is also illegal to feed them and Fish and Wildlife will cite you. Nuisance bears can be legally shot if they are disturbing livestock. A depredation permit can be issued for problem bears or Fish and Wildlife will euthanize them. A fed bear is a dead bear.

*By: Susana Malcolm*

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