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## Have you heard a train whistle in Cohasset?



It is true. A steam driven train does exist on the Maple Creek Ranch, in the heart of Cohasset. The Maple Creek & Eastern is an 18 inch gauge rail system with approximately 1 mile of track. It has existed since the latter 1960s, and has been well loved by the community. For many years the train was used to raise money for the

Cohasset Community Association. Unfortunately insurance costs became too high to continue to operate it as a fund raiser during the Annual Cohasset Bazaars.

It was owned and built by my father, Donald Sorenson, a long time resident of Cohasset. It was a dream come true for him. Many Cohasset residents remember working as teenagers on the railroad, laying the track for the train. Local children knew that if they heard the train whistle, it was OK to come on over and take a ride. I remember Joyce McMorrow's son, Ron was one of those children at the time. When he heard the train whistle he would tell his mother, "Mr. Sorenson is calling me!"

Through the years the family has maintained the tracks and the engine. A myriad of ingredients went into the building of the engine and the rest the train. Liners from an old Allis-Chalmers engine were transformed into cylinders; heads of a diesel engine were turned down to fit the liners and become pistons; and piston rods were created from rods off an Enterprise Record linotype machine. Wrecked or old ranch equipment from Cohasset and Chico area ranches were picked over carefully for salvageable parts. One man contributed drive wheels. Jon Coffman, son of Bert and Marilyn Coffman, caught the railroad bug from Dad. Since my father's death, Jon is the Chief Engineer, fireman and conductor, driving from Sacramento on weekends to run it and to enjoy our beautiful mountain. Many new and interesting additions have been added to the train area, a water tower was completed in 2005, along with a street light that was purchased from the City of Chico. Relics from old sawmills in our area are displayed. In 2007 Jon added a red caboose to the train that he built in his garage. Another addition in 2009, a small gas run locomotive was added just for the fun of it. During the many family reunions the Maple Creek & Eastern proudly displays flags from the United States as well as the flag from Denmark, where my family came from in the late 1800's.

We are not open to the public; however, we do take reservations from our friends and neighbors.

Rides are by appointment only. You may get in touch by email [donnastrees165@aol.com](mailto:donnastrees165@aol.com) or by phone 530 343-4625

— Donna Sorenson Hall





# CCA Home Page

Dear Fellow Cohassians,

Just 3 quick things this month - - -

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### CCA Newsletter

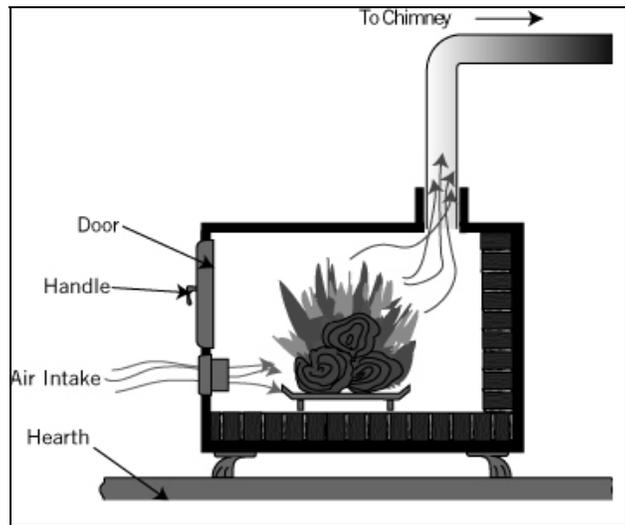
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January Deadline - Dec 9, 2011

**Chimney/Stove Pipe** – Every year the Firefighters respond to several calls up here for flue fires. They have already had to respond to 1 that I know of this month. Fireplaces, inserts and wood stoves are the way most of us heat our homes and we would be stuck without them. However, it is essential that they are cleaned at least once a year. If you purchase a new stove, I would like to suggest that you use a professional, at least the first time you have it cleaned. Sometimes there are areas where the stove has to be partially disassembled to make certain that you have removed the accumulated creosote. There are also products that you can buy and keep

handy that are supposed to extinguish chimney fires in under 30 seconds. Again, this is probably the most important fire related thing, next to not leaving a lit candle unattended, that you can do to protect your family and your home. Also, remember to **NEVER burn Christmas wrapping paper in fireplaces or wood stoves.**



**Phone Trees** – No, this is not a new species of tree that Bob Tate is going to tell us about. For those who have never heard of this – it is where you exchange numbers with several nearby neighbors so that if/when you have an emergency, there is someone close that can come assist – or call for others to also assist. When Jill Stewart had her house fire, Susanna called 911 and Linda, and then Linda called me. We actually wound up with 5 or 6 neighbors all pitching in to try to help.

Finally, we are coming into snow season again, and for those of us that do not have our own bobcat or snow plow, there are several neighbors that can help for a small price. I have the names of several people on the hill, if you need this kind of assistance.

Take care and be safe,  
Maggie Krehbiel, Chair EPC  
342-6547



### 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

### To place an ad in the Cohasset Newsletter:

E-mail ad copy and instructions to [mayeve@att.net](mailto:mayeve@att.net). Payment must be received by the 2nd Friday of the month for the following month's inclusion. Checks may be made out to the CCA and sent to 11 Maple Creek Ranch Rd, Cohasset, CA 95973.

### Prices for CCA newsletter advertisements:

Business card size	\$25	1/2 page	\$75
1/4 page	\$40	Full page	\$150

# Government & Cohasset Community News



## Supervisor News

by Maureen Kirk,  
Butte Co. Supervisor, District 3  
—mkirk@buttecounty.net ♦ 891-2800

It is hard to believe that Thanksgiving and Christmas are almost here. On Thanksgiving Day, we will participate in the Run for Food and then spend a quiet day watching football and working in the yard. We will also spend time counting our blessing. We are fortunate to live in this Country and in Butte County. We are also thankful for our jobs, home, and our health.

The last couple of months have been fairly quiet in the County. On October 25, we passed an ordinance banning marijuana dispensaries in the County. Because the Federal Government has taken such an aggressive stand, the Board had no choice. It is generally agreed that the Federal Government and the State of California need to establish very clear guidelines. There is also a petition drive being executed to overturn our position. They are a determined group and may get the required signatures to get it on the ballot.

Our Library Director resigned to take another position in New York State. She implemented many innovative programs. You can request books over the internet and be reminded when they are due. You can download e-books. There are current movies for rent for \$1 and many more for free. There are many computers available for use and they are always busy! There is also a Little Tikes computer in the Children's section.

There is a tutoring program available and several programs for pre-school and infant children. Check out the library website and view the You Tube of Babies Love Books. It will make you smile. We have hired an Interim Director to keep the programs going and to look for efficiencies. Check out the Butte County Library. It is a wonderful asset to our community.

Our son is half way through his tour in Afghanistan. They now have plywood huts and even a cook. Last week they had a foot of snow. He seems to be enjoying his work training the Afghan soldiers and reaching out to the villages. They have a camp dog named Roscoe who keeps them entertained. So far it has been a positive experience for Brian and we pray it continues.

Happy Holidays!

Maureen Kirk



## Police Beat

by Butte County Sheriff's  
Detective Doug Patterson,  
Butte County Sheriff's Office  
Marijuana Unit (SEU)  
—dpatterson@buttecounty.net.

It has come to my attention from several concerned home owners that individuals have been "drafting" water from Mud Creek in Cohasset where Mud Creek Road crosses Mud Creek and Little Chico Creek in Forest Ranch where Schott Road crosses Little Chico Creek.

Several people have been seen drafting large amounts of water from these creeks and I assume it is to water their marijuana grows. Due to these individuals actions the water level in these creeks have dropped significantly farther downstream causing major issues for property owners with water rights.

There are two Fish and Game Codes that people should be aware of. They are sections 5900 and 1602 which read:

-5900 F&G- Unlawful to impede the movement of fish (including insects) in a stream.

5900. As used in this chapter:

- (a) "Dam" includes all artificial obstructions.
- (b) "Conduit" includes pipe, millrace, ditch, flume, siphon, tunnel, canal, and any other conduit or diversion used for the purpose of taking or receiving water from any river, creek, stream, or lake.

-1602 F&G- May not substantially divert or obstruct the natural flow.

1602. (a) An entity may not substantially divert or obstruct the natural flow of, or substantially change or use any material from the bed, channel, or bank of, any river, stream, or lake, or deposit or dispose of debris, waste, or other material containing crumbled, flaked, or ground pavement where it may pass into any river, stream, or lake.

Due to the above mentioned issues if a deputy locates an individual(s) drafting water from Mud Creek or Little Chico Creek a citation could be issued. A simple way to solve this issue is to contract with one of the many water truck services in our local areas for water delivery. Of course this is not "free" but it will be less costly than having to deal with a Fish and Game violation and court costs.

Thank you,

Detective Douglas Patterson

# Cohasset Community News

## Gobble Gobble!

The turkey many of us eat at Thanksgiving dinner is the same species of and was domesticated from the South Mexican wild turkey. As most of us know, we do have wild turkeys in the Cohasset area. The males which are called toms or gobblers typically have a "beard", a tuft of coarse hair (modified feathers) growing from the center of the breast. Beards average 9 inches in length. In some populations, 10 to 20 percent of females have a beard, usually shorter and thinner than that of the male. We all know that toms are bigger and heavier than hens. They can weigh up to 20 pounds but that weight is rare around here. In Fair Oaks (Sacramento area) and Moraga (East Bay area), the turkeys are enormous and have lost all fear of humans and strut around like they own the place. Last week I saw a flock numbering about 30 hold up traffic for 5 minutes in Moraga as they meandered across a major 4-lane road.

We've succeeded in breeding the brains out of the domestic turkey and they're as dumb as a stick compared to wild turkeys. Turkeys in the wild are very cautious birds and will fly or run at the first sign of danger. Wild turkeys are surprisingly agile fliers and very smart. They can fly up to a quarter of a mile. They usually roost in trees at night but spend most of the day on the ground. They have great eyesight and hearing. Ask a group of turkey hunters how stealthy they have to be to get near enough to get a shot off and you'll find out. Turkeys have many voices: they gobble and cluck mostly but can putt, purr and cackle as well. In early spring, tom turkeys gobble to announce their presence to females and competing males. The gobble can carry for up to a mile. Strange as it may seem I have heard few toms gobble around here but I have seen many strut around our place. Hens can gobble, though they rarely do so.

Wild turkeys will eat almost anything, foraging on the ground or climbing shrubs and small trees to feed. They love acorns but will eat insects as well as lizards and snakes. They can tear a vegetable garden to shreds! They prefer eating in the early morning and late afternoon.

A tom will gather a harem of hens and will strut around them as they forage displaying his tail feathers in a wide fan. The hens make nests that are shallow depressions in the soil lined with woody vegetation. Hens lay a clutch of 10-14 eggs, usually one per day. The eggs are incubated for at least 28 days. The poults (chicks) leave the nest in about 12-24 hours and are surprisingly agile. They have to be because pretty much anything will eat young turkeys including snakes, raccoons, bobcats, coyotes, owls, dogs and foxes.

Turkeys were native to California as recently as 200 years ago but became extinct due to the pressures of settlement, hunting and habitat reduction. They were reintroduced here in the 1960s and 70s.

To be continued...

—Bob Tate

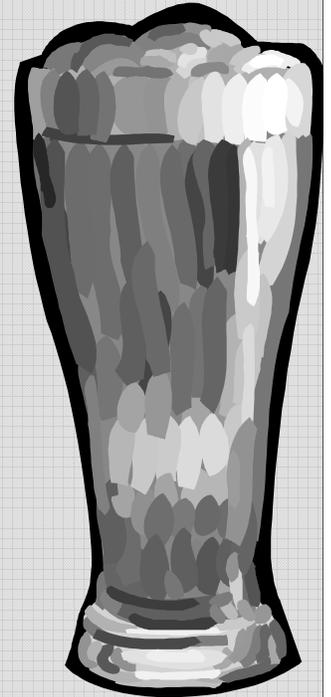


## Brew Club News

For anyone that may have missed the news, the Cohasset Home Brew Club now meets on the second Wednesday of the month at 7 PM in the Cohasset Community building. The next two meetings will feature any winter warmer, big beer, spiced beer, mead and holiday type drinking beverages. So mark your calendar for December 14th and January 11th as the big tasting events. As always, at this time of year, we will keep an eye on the weather and cancel as needed. Keep an eye on your E-mail as those dates draw near.

Our November meeting was wonderful. As usual the club members shared some of their great creations, but the star of this meeting was a Beer Camp beer. John Dubois had the opportunity to attend a Beer Camp put on by Sierra Nevada and he brought some of the beer he and others brewed during the camp. It was a dark lager with huckleberries, called Huck Finn-ish, very complex and tasty. He also treated us to a behind the scene tour of Sierra Nevada and the Beer Camp goes on via a Power Point presentation. Thanks to John we had an education of our minds as well as our palates.

—David Westphal,



## ! NEW ADVERTISING OPPORTUNITY !

In an attempt to obtain more advertising, the Board of Directors as agreed to single line advertising. Basically it would allow a business to list their name, service and phone number. The cost of this would only be \$10.00 for each listing. It will be charged on a month by month basis. If you know of any businesses that might be interested, please have them call me at 342-6547. Thanks—Maggie Krehbiel

# Cohasset Community News

## Volunteer Firefighter Training



With the Board of Supervisors approval, the county fire department has recently embarked on a new four level approach to our volunteer firefighter program. In the past, the training standards were a “one size fits all” approach in that if an individual joined a volunteer company, s/he would go through a lengthy training commitment, which eventually leads to their becoming a full fledged volunteer firefighter

The new four level approach is tailored to those interested in participating in a volunteer company, but who might not be

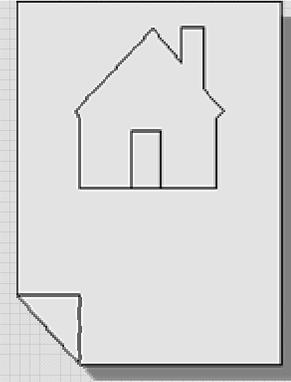
able or willing to be trained as actual firefighters. The first level is the “Support” volunteer- this is for those who are interested in becoming volunteers to provide auxiliary support to a volunteer company.

The second level is the “EMS” volunteer. This level is for those interested in being trained to the emergency medical response level so they can assist in requests for medical assistance that volunteer companies respond to.

The third level is for those who are interested in going through training to become qualified to operate fire department water tenders that volunteer companies respond in to fires.

The fourth level is the full fledged “Volunteer Firefighter” for those who are interested in becoming a fully trained volunteer firefighter who is able to respond to all emergencies that volunteer companies respond to.

If you would like additional information, please contact your local volunteer company members, your local Fire Station, or call Fire Department.



## Building Committee Report

The building committee has gotten off to a good start this year. The committee consists of Susana Malcolm, Bob Hurch, Elizabeth Davison, Clancy Gehrke and Mayeve Tate. We met on September 23rd to review the building and prioritize needed repairs. We then met for a workday on September 30. Sally Deboth came along to help us out.

We cleaned the building and the shed outside the kitchen. We washed the windows. We replaced missing electrical plates, cleaned gutters and screwed down the roof. We also removed various wires from the fence line and the trees.

We still have work to do. We are working on replacing the vent covers under the building and to the attic, repairing a hole in the ceiling, replacing the back doors, repainting the kitchen and the outside trim and replacing kitchen flooring. If you would like to help with any of these projects, give Susana a call at 893-0109.

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

Check one: Basic \$20 Pine \$25 Oak \$50 Lifetime \$100

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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Checks payable to CCA or call Janice at 343-1754

## Dear Fellow Cohassians – Check out our newest Advertisers

If you need any of the following services or products, please use them. Mention this Ad for disc!!

- Noah’s Ark Animal Workshop –Kid’s stuff animals- of Cohasset, Claudia Enns - 894-8033
- Northern California Driving School -**free pick up**-of Cohasset, Maggie -Local references- 899-9307
- Smokestack Lightning Chimney Service - **15% discount** – Several local references - 894-7668
- Sunrise Carpet Cleaners & Restoration – **10% off** -of Cohasset, Perry- Local references- 891-4113

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These 1 line ads run for 1 month, require no contract or commitment, and only cost \$10 per Newsletter. If you have a service, or product for sale, please consider advertising with us. Call Maggie @ 342-6547 for more information

# Cohasset Community News

## History Corner



The historical Society met and came up with a few ways to help raise funds for the CCA and the History Club. We talked about making a cook book with the recipes gathered.

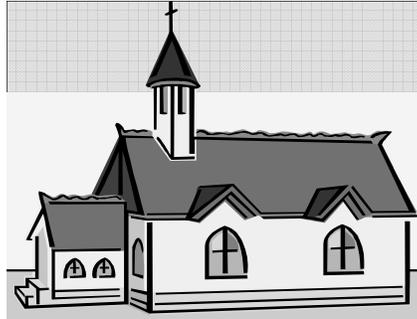
Having a square dance in April and having a quilt show with some of the past quilts that people still have on the hill. The History Club made a quilt to raffle off at the dance & quilt show. All of the materials were donated. Tickets go on sale at the next Bingo, Book sale and at the Christmas Store. If you want to purchase a ticket, or If you have a past quilt you want to display, as well as want to share your recipes in the new cook book project. Please contact Elizabeth Davison 345-4769, or email me at sawmillpuppets@yahoo.com

## Cohasset 4H Report

Cohasset 4H is off to a good start. The hiking group beat the weather and had their first hike to Upper Park and Bear Hole. The new gardening group has broken ground, pulled weeds and is planting a green cover crop for the winter. The arts and crafts group made the creative scarecrows that were on display at the Halloween Carnival. The metal fabrication group is getting underway with some safety videos and a planning session. Sewing and Swine are also planning their first project meetings this month.

The big news is the Christmas Store. The date is December 11 from 12:00-4:00 at the CCA building. All Cohasset Children are invited to come do their Christmas shopping and have their gifts wrapped. We are still in need of donations of gently used items such as house wares, jewelry, and toys. If you have something to donate, call Susana at 893-0109, Linda at 891-8337, or Midge at 343-7332.

The group has also scheduled a Round Table Pizza and Bake Sale fundraiser at the Almond Orchard on Thurs., January 5. Round table will donate a portion of their proceeds for anyone who patronizes the restaurant that evening and mentions Cohasset 4H. The money will go into the general fund that supports all the projects mentioned above. We hope to see you there.



## 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, December 11th & 25th.

For more info, call Ruth: 891-3481.



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# Events & Calendar

## CALLING ALL MOVIES OF PAST COHASSET!!!!!!



Do you have any movies of past Cohasset Bazaars, Interviews with past residents or any interesting footage maybe of a school function? We would like to have a movie night at the Association Building. If you would like to share please contact Elizabeth Davison 518-0895.

## QUILTS....QUILTS.....QUILTS....

This year we will have not one, but two beautiful quilts to raffle off at the Annual Music Festival and Bazaar in August.

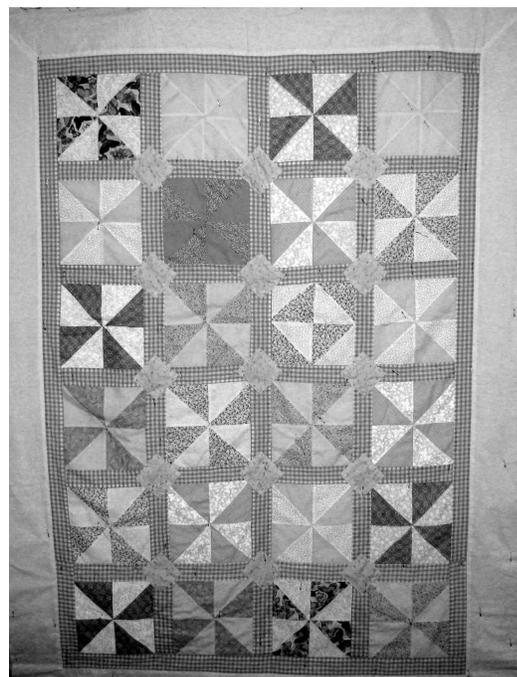
The first is a pink, blue and white twin size quilt which is pictured here. It is 80% hand pieced; each block is hand top decorative stitched.

When completed the quilt will be hand quilted by the ladies in our community.

The second quilt will be a full size lighthouse themed appliqué and pieced quilt in blues, tans and light beiges.

Look for future posting for the date when the raffle tickets will go on sale. If you are interested in helping with this fun project call

Sally DeBoth at 894-1894



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| <b>December 2011</b>                                          |     |     |                                                         | 1                             | 2   | 3   |
| 4 10:30am<br>Church Service                                   | 5   | 6   | 7                                                       | 8 6:30pm<br>CCA Board Meeting | 9   | 10  |
| 11 12-4pm Childrens' Christmas Store<br>10:00am African Dance | 12  | 13  | 14 12pm-2pm Commodities Distribution<br>7-9pm Brew Club | 15                            | 16  | 17  |
| 18 10:30am<br>Church Service                                  | 19  | 20  | 21                                                      | 22                            | 23  | 24  |
| 25 10:30am<br>Church Service<br>10:00am African Dance         | 26  | 27  | 28                                                      | 29                            | 30  | 31  |

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**Christmas Children's Store  
December 11, Noon to 4 p.m.**

The Cohasset 4H is pleased to be able to revive a treasured Cohasset tradition, the Children's Christmas store. Started by the Cohasset School Parent Club many years ago, this store offers Cohasset children the opportunity to do their Christmas shopping for family and friends here on the hill. This year's store will be open on Sunday, Dec. 11 at the CCA building from noon to 4 p.m.

All young people are invited to shop for gently used donated items at a very reasonable price that will be wrapped and tagged for them by the Cohasset 4H members. Children should arrive with a list of family and friends for whom they are planning to buy a gift. A 4H member will escort them through the store and help them choose their gifts. The members will wrap and tag the gifts before they leave. Most gifts will cost \$.25- \$1.00. Parents are asked to wait outside. Hot drinks will be available as they wait.



The 4H group will be collecting donations this month. We could use house wares, toys, jewelry, wrapping paper, ribbon, gift tags and ???????? No used clothes, please. Call Susana at 893-0109 if you have something to donate.

