



News from the Hall

News from the Board

by Collin Riley

Happy April, Bryson-Hesperia. As Judy Collins famously sang, "Who Knows Where the Time Goes?" My friend, half-jokingly, told me that she suspected that time may be speeding up for everyone, as some kind of physical phenomenon related to cosmic mechanics. When my daughter was born, my uncle brought a guitar to the hospital room and sang a song from Malvina Reynolds called "Turn Around." *Where are you going, my little one, little one, / Where are you going, my baby, my own? / Turn around and you're two, Turn around and you're four, / Turn around and you're a young girl going out of my door. ... Turn around and you're tiny, Turn around and you're grown, / Turn around and you're a young wife with babes of your own....* Maybe this is not a new phenomenon, but it is phenomenal nonetheless. Let's enjoy this springtime together.



March at the Hall brought us apple grafting with Jim and Bridget Ritterbush from California Rare Fruit Growers, and our monthly potluck followed. Thank you Jim, Bridget, and Ed Buntz for your work in making this event successful. Thank you all who attended and shared your food and company.

April 15 will be our Cinco de Mayo themed potluck, with the Pineda family hosting. Tiffany, Yuri, Cecilia, and Michael are now young adults, and Delfina has said that this will be the last year she and Vince will host a Cinco de Mayo potluck. While we selfishly hope she changes her mind, let's not miss it.

The Chicken Barbecue and White Elephant Auction will be Sunday, April 24th, details in another article. Delfina Pineda has graciously agreed to be white elephant groomer, so please direct any known elephants to Delfina according to instructions in the article published elsewhere in this newsletter.

Thank you for being a part of Bryson life and for the chance to serve. See you at the Hall in April.

April 15 at 7:00 pm is the date and time for this month's potluck dinner. The Pineda family will once again host their annual Cinco de Mayo potluck, one of the most popular ones on the Hall schedule. It may be wise to make a point of attending since it is rumored to be, sadly, the last they plan to host.

Scholarship Report

by Ed Buntz

In April, Hesperia Hall scholarship selections for academic year 2016 – 2017 are being made for local aspiring college and technical school students. King City High School (KCHS) graduates will receive their awards at the KCHS Scholarship Banquet in King City on May 19. In addition, the Hesperia Hall Board has designated the potluck on July 15 as Scholarship Night. We will present the remaining scholarships and provide an



Apple Tree Grafting Class: This year's apple tree grafting demonstration at Hesperia Hall sent participants home with grafted trees to nurture and, in time, harvest and enjoy.

Photos by Fred Kenyon

opportunity for short presentations from current and past scholarship recipients. Mark your calendars, as it will be a wonderful summer evening to meet our inspiring youngsters in pursuit of their dreams.

The scholarship committee would like to thank Jack and Lois Lindley for their annual donation as well as Janice Smith-Ramseier for her donation in memory of Kathy Gibson, and Bill and Jane Munger for their donation in memory of Wanda Boyd. We received an anonymous donation in memory of Elga Lee, who served as a Marine in the Pacific during WW II and then served as an extraordinary educator and counselor during a long, distinguished career. Also, thanks to Tom Walters for continuing to collect donations with his Sunday lemon and produce sales.

This year's Hall raffle quilt is in the intense hand quilting phase. The quilt will be revealed during April and tickets will be going on sale, with all proceeds going to the Scholarship Fund.

If you would like to make a direct individual donation to the fund, simply make out a check to Hesperia Hall Foundation, put Scholarship Fund on the memo line, and send to Hesperia Hall, 51602 Bryson-Hesperia Road, Bradley, CA 93426, or give your check to any Board member at a Hall event.

If you have any questions about the Hesperia Hall scholarship program or how to establish a 529 college savings account, please contact Ed Buntz at (805) 472-2070 or Lois Lindley at (805) 472-9556.

SMCERTA Report

by Linda Plumb

Wildfire season is coming; be proactive in protecting your property and our community!

Even as we are enjoying some moisture in the air, green grass, and beautiful spring flowers, it is time to start preparing for the upcoming fire season. As always, we are urged to clear 100 feet from our homes and buildings to help create space for fighting possible wildfire.

Again this year, CalFire, working with the Fire Safe

Council for Monterey County, will be offering free chipping, tentatively scheduled for April 18-25, on a first-come-first-served basis. (See separate article for guidelines.) If you are interested, please email Dominic Gregorio of the Fire Safe Council at dgregorio112275@gmail.com no later than April 10, 2016, to participate in this year's program.

To help SMCERTA (Southern Monterey County Emergency Relief Team) help you, consider filling out a residential property survey, available from Carla Martinez, CERT Secretary/Treasurer. The information you share helps us know if there might be someone on your property that has special medical needs, whether you have animals that might need evacuation, or whether you have equipment that might help in dealing with an emergency. Any and all information you share is held confidentially, is not publically shared, and is used only in case of an emergency.

If you have any questions about the survey (copies available at Hesperia Hall or directly from Carla), please contact Carla Martinez at (805) 391-3185.

Chicken BBQ Desserts

by Janice Smith-Ramseier

Believe it or not, the Chicken Barbecue is just a few weeks away. We are again asking our talented bakers to prepare for our generous presentation of dessert selections offered as part of the meal. Despite the delicious chicken, beans, salad, and garlic bread, the follow-up slice of pie or cake is always an attraction. In our archives, I came across a picture of the Chicken Barbecue Dessert Table. Wow! Now that should be a calendar picture.

We could not have such offerings without your efforts to produce these beautiful desserts. Pies are very popular, but many other wonderful dessert selections are appreciated as well. Please plan to bring your contributions to the Country Kitchen before 10:30 am on Sunday, April 24. Desserts are served per slice, so you will have your baking dishes returned to you.

Thanks in advance for helping make the dessert.



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Final Call for All White Elephants

by Delfina Pineda

This is a reminder for white elephants. The Hesperia Hall annual White Elephant Auction is scheduled for Sunday, April 24, starting at 1:30 pm. All proceeds from the auction will help maintain the Hall and support our charitable activities.

We are accepting donated items only after the April 15th potluck. Please drop off your donations at the Hall on Sunday, April 17, during the Produce Exchange from 11:00 am until 1:00 pm. If an alternative time is needed, please call Delfina Pineda at (831) 682-3087 to make special arrangements.

The Hesperia Hall Board is very grateful to our generous community members who make this auction possible with their donated white elephants and their auction purchases. Let's continue this remarkable tradition and give a healthy boost to the Hall funds.

Call for Cleanup Volunteers

Sunday, April 24, beginning at 11:00 am, brings us the annual Hesperia Hall Chicken Barbecue and White Elephant Auction, in preparation for which the Hall needs to be spruced up. To that end, the Board encourages one and all to join them on Saturday, April 23, from 9:00 am until noon, to help with the cleanup. With many hands falling to, the work is lightened, of course, and workers may be able to go home triumphant before noon.

Students needing to fulfill community service obligations are encouraged to pitch in. The Hall welcomes a few hours of willing, youthful effort.

Kitten Season Straight Ahead

by Beth Winters

Anyone with feral cats on their property is encouraged to contact the Angelina Fund to arrange for spay/neuter services. If you have pets that you want to "fix," but find that the cost is prohibitive, we can help with that too. Our goal is to curtail the feral

population of this area and to financially assist anyone who is willing to turn an otherwise unwanted cat or dog into a pet.

We have traps available for loan. Contact Beth Winters at (805) 472-2095 or email beth@bullseyesign.com.

Compile Those Pixels!

by Catherine Bartley

(Pixel: a minute area of illumination on a display screen, one of many from which an image is composed.)

There are only sixty-five days left until the 2017 Bryson-Hesperia Community Calendar judging. The opportunity to have your photograph appear in the 2017 calendar is rapidly approaching. Only 100 photos can be accepted. Entries are due no later than Sunday, May 29, 2016.

- Photos must be taken within the 93426 zip code or Lockwood Valley, no photos taken on Fort Hunter Liggett property.
- Enter up to four (4) photos printed on 8" x 10" glossy photo paper, landscape format.
- Include your name, location of photo, and, if possible, a digital file.
- You must be a member of Hesperia Hall in order to participate (\$20/per household).

We have had some beautiful weather. Trees are leafing out, wildflowers are blooming, and new life abounds everywhere you look, so try your hand at capturing our locale at its best.

Photo entries may be turned in to any Calendar Committee member as early as possible and prior to Sunday, May 29. Members of the committee are Silas Denny, Janice Smith-Ramseier, Linda Plumb, Melissa Caster, and Cathy Bartley.

Photo display, judging, and reception will take place at the Hall on Saturday, June 4, 2016, from 5:00 until 7:00 pm. Attendees need not be Hall members to participate in the judging.

CalFire Chipping Program

by Dominic Gregorio

CalFire, working with the Fire Safe Council for Monterey County, will again be offering free chipping at the end of April, tentatively April 18-25, on a first-come-first-served basis. Program guidelines follow:

- All vegetative material must be cut and piled along an accessible road for chipping. Please pile brush with cut branch ends facing the road. Roads must have good access for a large truck and have ample turn around area.
- Brush piles must be hand stacked within five feet of the road (chipper location) and less than four feet in height.
- Nothing larger than four inches in diameter can be chipped. Anything that cannot readily be chipped will not be picked up under this program, so no trash, logs greater than four inches in diameter, no stumps, roots, rocks, dirt, grass, or excessive leaves.
- Poison oak, metal objects, and wire represent a safety hazard, so they, too, will not be picked up.
- CalFire will not spend more than one hour chipping branches on any one property.
- The wood chips will be chipped and left on site.

If you are interested, please email Dominic Gregorio of the Fire Safe Council at dgregorio112275@gmail.com no later than April 10, 2016, to participate in this year's program.

Annual Spring Nature Hike and Picnic

by Charles Ewing and Liz Cecchi-Ewing

Hello neighbors, and welcome to a beautiful spring. The March rains were a wonderful and needed gift. The land is green, the frogs rejoice, and wildflowers bloom in abundance. Liz and I will host our annual, spring interpretive hike and picnic lunch on Saturday, April 9th. The hike will begin at 10:00 am. Most of you are familiar with the "old ranger's" suggested accouterments for hikers—sturdy shoes, a quart of water

to drink, and a sun hat. I always use a walking stick when hiking, and I encourage you to do so also. The hike will be about two miles and moderately strenuous with some rugged and steep terrain, so consider your physical abilities.



A buffet lunch and refreshments will be waiting for you at the end of the hike. Liz will provide a feast of garden-fresh dishes, but your additions of side dishes and refreshments will be appreciated. Non-hikers are encouraged to come and enjoy the picnic and the camaraderie. There is the added possibility of enjoying some live music.

Note: Liz and I were overwhelmed by the turnout at last year's spring get-together, so please RSVP at (805) 472-9434 or cwewing3@wildblue.net. We would like to keep the turnout at between 25 and 30 folks.

How Shiloh Baptist Church Became Hesperia Hall Foundation

by Janice Smith Ramseier

Shiloh Baptist Church was built in the fall of 1897 with funds furnished partly by the people of the community and partly by the American Baptist Home Mission Society of New York, a Corporation. It was built on land donated and deeded by John L. Hartman to the American Baptist Home Mission Society of New York. Some accounts say it was "sold," because Shiloh Church had to pay back taxes of approximately \$50. Church services were held regularly

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with good attendance until about 1918. Due to diminishing attendance, services thereafter were not regularly held, and the Church disbanded July 6, 1922.

Hesperia Farm Center was organized early in 1921. A few meetings were held in the Hesperia schoolhouse, but it did not provide the needed space. Efforts were made to get permission to use the church building. This permission was granted by one of the charter members of the church under whose care the building had remained. The Center was required to make some repairs, which they did.

In 1926 the American Baptist Home Mission Society deeded the land (approximately one acre) and the building to the Northern California Baptist Convention, a Corporation. Mr. B. F. Bronson of King City was placed in charge of the property, and Center Members secured permission from him to continue to use the building.

In 1929, Hesperia Farm Center members decided to attempt to buy the building and property. They contacted Mr. Bronson, and he referred them to the Northern California Baptist Convention. The asking price began at \$300, but, after an exchange of several letters, the price of \$150 was agreed upon, and the center was given one year to make payment. The building was repaired and dances were given to raise the money. Funding was accomplished in time, and the Center received a deed in July, 1930. The old building became Hesperia Farm Center Hall, under the California, Monterey County Farm Bureau Federation.

Extensive repairs were immediately made, a kitchen was added, and everything was moving along nicely until one February day in 1933 when the community women were holding a Home Department meeting on bread making. During the meeting, two strangers walked in and sat through the meeting. At the conclusion of the meeting, one of the women stood up and said, "This is my property, and I am holding it against all comers." Needless to say, the women were baffled, but the strangers had some effective looking papers. They left the building in the strangers' possession but took the keys with them.

The Hall trustees paid a visit to the strangers, but they refused to leave. The mother, father, and husband of the claimant had moved in bedding, clothing, and food and were getting along quite comfortably.

The woman and a former husband had purchased the property from the estate of John L. Hartman, original owner of the Shiloh Baptist Church land. Through some possible flaws in the original deed, she claimed that the church property now belonged to her. It finally became necessary to have the four arrested and evicted. She then started suit to quiet title. Hesperia Center was ably

defended by James A. Walker, attorney from Salinas, whose untiring diligence unearthed every possible thread of evidence to prove that the Center was the only legal owner. This was proven so successfully that the property was awarded the Center, and the intruder had to pay all court costs.

The Hesperia Farm Center continued with monthly potluck meetings for many years, hosting a variety of guest speakers, most with the rural community interests. It served as a grass roots organization involving rural electrification, telephone service and road maintenance, etc.

Membership was accomplished through Monterey County Farm Bureau, and, in the 1960's dues were \$60 a year. Farm Bureau membership gave the rural voice more clout since the organization is nationwide as American Farm Bureau Federation, California Farm Bureau Federation, and, locally, Monterey County Farm Bureau. Certain store and insurance discounts were a membership benefit. Little of the \$60 membership was returned to the Hesperia Farm Bureau, and that prompted local people to attend the potlucks but not become Farm Bureau Members.

Liability and other issues prompted the county and statewide Farm Bureau organizations to be willing to divest themselves of small outlying centers. Our community was given the opportunity to take title to the Center property provided a legitimate non-profit organization was established to hold that title. Bill Barker was Secretary of the Monterey County Farm Bureau; he worked diligently with Jay and Ann Brown and Bill and Becky Dayton (and others) to put together all the legal vehicles, paperwork, accounting issues, etc., to make this "gift to the community" happen. Our Bylaws of Hesperia Hall Foundation, a California Public Benefit Corporation, are dated October 11, 2001.

Thanks to all those responsible for securing Hesperia Hall for us to use, maintain, and enjoy today. Let's hope the title and building can be held into perpetuity for the community.

(Much credit for this article is given to Shirley Coyner, who was a dedicated Hesperia Farm Center member. Written in the 1940 to 1950 era. Exact date unknown.)

From the 2015 Calendar Committee

by Janice Smith Ramseier

The 2016 Hesperia Hall Calendar erroneously posted Daylight Savings Time Begins one Sunday early. We proofread our draft several times in our best attempt to avoid errors. Unfortunately, this mistake could have resulted in serious inconveniences. We are truly sorry.

FHL Celebrates 75th Year

by Linda Plumb

On February 24, Fort Hunter Liggett hosted one of several events to celebrate the 75th Anniversary of Fort Hunter Liggett. The event, "Honoring the Hearst Legacy," was a wonderful recollection of the Hearst years as related by the Hearst Monument Historian, Victoria Kastner. Miss Kastner shared interesting facts including how the original Hearst started buying the land for the ranch, which in later years his son, young William R. Hearst, would expand. She recounted stories of how the California ranch became the most important place to William Randolph Hearst and a little of how he collected objects of art from all over the world and had Julia Morgan design the Milpitas Ranch House (the Hacienda), the Hearst castle, and other important buildings on the Hearst property. The speaking event concluded with a cake cutting by Command Sgt. Major Tracy Barlogio; Mrs. Anissa Bolson, great-grand daughter of W.R. Hearst; Lester Patterson representing the local community; Hearst Castle Museum Director Mary Levkoff; Hearst Castle Historian Victoria Kastner; and FHL Commander Jan Norris.

Local organizations helped round out the event. The Nacitone Heritage Center brought a chuck wagon and gear that were nicely displayed on the Hacienda lawn. San Antonio Valley Historical Association (SAVHA) enhanced the day with historic pictures of the area that were displayed at the Hacienda. Friends of Mission San Antonio were present as well with a mission display.

Following the event, there was a bus tour led by Lisa Cipolla, FHL Cultural Resources Manager. Besides Mission San Antonio, the tour included pointing out the gravesite of a Civil War soldier buried on Fort Hunter Liggett, the Gil Adobe, located on the Fort property, the Tidball Store, and the ruins of the Dutton Hotel.

The next celebratory event will be held May 4, focusing on Lt. Gen. Hunter Liggett for whom the Fort is named. Army Historian Michael Bigelow of the Intelligence Command will be guest speaker.

The grand finale will be on July 28 and will highlight the military history at Fort Hunter Liggett with guest speaker Dr. Stephen Payne, Command Historian at the Defense Language Institute. There will also be an unveiling of a 75th Commemorative Painting with limited edition prints for sale, and the opening of the Ft. Hunter Liggett Heritage Center in the Hacienda.

For those who live in the community who wonder if local citizens are still allowed access to the pool, bowling alley, and theater, the answer is yes. The theater will be reopening soon, but if you wish to use the pool or bowling alley, the temporary number for the recreation office is

(831) 370-8796. Call there first to get guidance on how best to procure access to the facilities.

Medicinal Plants and Herbs A – Z: Bay Leaf

by Esthela Comstock


In ancient Greece and Rome, glossy bay leaves, or "laurus nobilis," were woven into wreaths used to crown kings, poets, war heroes, and Olympians to signify success, as in the term "poet laureate." The bay leaf was also used for treating problems associated with the liver, stomach, and kidney, as well as for treating bee and wasp stings.

The leaves, both dried and fresh, and the fruit of the bay leaf tree are used for medicinal purposes and cooking. Nowadays, scientists have found that bay leaves contain enzymes that break down proteins, antioxidants to treat diabetes, phytonutrients that help improve heart function, and compounds believed to aid in cancer prevention.

Among uses for bay leaves are the following:

- Bay leaves offer healthy doses of vitamins A, C, magnesium, calcium, manganese, potassium, and iron.
- Bay leaves soothe body aches. (Tip: Make a decoction of 4-5 bay leaves in 1 liter of water and add to bath to relieve sore muscles and rejuvenate the body.)
- Bay leaves are beneficial in helping with joint pain from arthritis. Rubbing bay leaf oil on inflamed joints reduces pain.
- Bay leaves may improve insulin sensitivity and are helpful in regulating blood sugar. This makes them a great herb of choice for those dealing with diabetes or simply wanting a little more help getting blood sugar under control.
- A bay leaf infusion promotes sweating, breaking fever and easing flu symptoms.
- Bay leaves are used for treatment of digestive disorders. They reduce flatulence.

Any treatments with any medicinal herb should be done under the supervision of a qualified healthcare professional.



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Window to the Wild

by Craig Caster

*Indian warrior
in the rain
Running wild
cross high terrain
Standing bold
on feathered grace
Crimson red
over soft green lace*

*Two maidens on
a hillside strand
Chamise is bold and strong
a protector of the land
Manzanita is goddess like
for beauty is her hand
Both the warriors chose
to form a lasting band*

Indian warrior, *Pedicularis densiflora*, is a unique and somewhat ethereal plant form. Its bright red plumage and fresh green fern-like leaves add a splash of intensity to the chaparral floor. It has a close relationship with two unique chaparral shrubs. As a hemi-parasitic perennial herb, it is capable of photosynthesis and living on its own, or of becoming parasitic with a host plant. Chamise and bigberry manzanita are the two chaparral that you may find Indian warriors sheltered beneath. Growing with a host plant gives them a deep and intense color that is not present when they are found growing independently. *Pedicularis densiflora* attracts hummingbirds and certain checkerspot butterflies. It seems to be a good year for these visually striking members of the lousewort genus.


Chamise is an evergreen chaparral shrub growing from two to twelve feet tall. It has quarter-inch needle-like leaves and rough grey bark. Clusters of small white flowers bloom from March to July, giving slopes a whitish tinge. Flowers



turn rusty brown and remain into the winter. Truly a protector of the wild, its dense hillside brush canopy is nearly impenetrable to off-trail hikers. It thrives on dry south facing slopes of harsh or rocky soil and covers about 7,300,000 acres in our state. Chamise, commonly called Greasewood, is highly flammable due to high concentrations of an oil-like substance. Root systems of chamise are strong and extensive and include a large root mass, or lignotuber, giving old uprooted trunks a club-like appearance. Sprouts will generate from the lignotuber after a fire.



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Bigberry manzanita is a striking native evergreen shrub or small tree growing seven to ten feet tall. Its grey green oval leaves become luminously silver in the summer, contrasting nicely with its smooth reddish



bark. In the spring this manzanita is decorated with white to pinkish urn-shaped flowers. They give off a subtle scent of fresh honeycomb. In the summer the plump berries illustrate its name, for *manzanita* means "little apples" in Spanish. Native Americans used the ripe berries to make a cider, while mission friars chose them green. This species is long-lived, reaching 100 years of age or more, though it does not begin to fruit until it is around twenty years old.

Both these chaparral give off allelopathic toxins to inhibit plant growth below their canopy. As no other plant lives beneath these fair chaparral, it seems to be an honored place held by the colorful warrior.

Lightening in a Bottle Returns

by Dede Flemming

Dear Bradley and Lockwood communities,

Thank you again for accepting us into your community on the 2016 Memorial Day Weekend for the Lightning in a Bottle Music Festival. In working with the Parks Department we're happy to be able to offer a limited number of free weekend passes to local residents. Please attend and enjoy by registering on our website at <http://lightninginabottle.org/localsticket/>.

Registration is open until 8:00 pm May 6. To be eligible, your postal address must be from either the 93426 or 93932 zip codes. Also, you must show proof of residence with either a driver's license or a copy of your utility bill for verification at the festival box office.

On May 7th at 9:00am, everyone that registered will be emailed an access to a secure ticket page and provided an

opportunity to reserve a free ticket on a first-come-first-served basis.

Each individual in your household must be registered separately. If you share the same email, simply register twice with each name.

If there are any questions about this process, please feel free to reach out to support@thedolab.com.

Thanks you for your support, and we'll see you at LIB!

Cooking from the Garden

by Carolyn Lingor

When my vegetarian aunt came to visit back in November, I searched out as many hearty vegetable dishes to feed her as I could find. This is one from allrecipes.com that I ran across. Everyone loved it so much that I have made it several more times as a side dish. This recipe is very adaptable, as, for instance, using any type of winter squash as opposed to acorn squash, or another type of green if you don't happen to have kale. I have also used canned button mushrooms because that is what I had on hand. I hope you enjoy this dish as much as my family has.

Winter Vegetable Hash

3 Tbls. olive oil

2 Tbls. Butter

1 pound Yukon Gold potatoes, diced (I always use Russets)

1/2 pound fresh shitake mushrooms, diced

1 red bell pepper, diced

1 small acorn squash diced

1 shallot, finely chopped

2 tsps. garlic powder

1 pinch salt

1 pinch ground black pepper

1 cup chopped kale

4 springs fresh sage

Place oil and butter in a large skillet over medium heat. Melt butter and mix in potatoes, mushrooms, peppers, squash and shallot. Season with garlic powder, salt and pepper. Cook 25 minutes, stirring occasionally, until potatoes are tender.

Mix kale and sage into skillet. Continue cooking 5 minutes, until kale is wilted. Serve and enjoy.

Women's Conference

by Erick Reinstedt (Pastor and Youth Leader, True Life Christian Fellowship) and Mary Ann Reinstedt

On Saturday, April 16th, from 10:00 am to 3:30 pm, True Life Christian Fellowship at Lockwood Hall, across from San Antonio School, is hosting a free one-day conference for all ladies. Lunch is provided. The event is

presented by www.4Hisbeloved.org and is called "Be Loved." Ladies are encouraged to come, be refreshed, and be loved. If you can RSVP, it is appreciated but not required. Call Debbi Ritchie at (831) 320-0620 to RSVP or with questions.

San Antonio School

February 2016 STUDENT OF THE MONTH

Academic Achievement – Penny Riley, 6th grade

Fishing with Rich

by Rich Lingor

Spring is the tug of war between summer and winter. Moments of summer gaining traction stir anglers with fishing itch as well as spring fever to yearn for warm water species of fish. Bass, bluegill, catfish, and the shad that they feed on all move up from winter depths to spawn as warming shallow-water temperatures become more inviting. Striped bass and white bass spawn in flowing water and are triggered by the current from seasonal inflows. In our climate zone, March usually marks the beginning of the seasonal migration around the full moon, followed by another shift around the next full moon in April. Warming water in the spring draws fish shallow in incremental stages as our seasonal transition flows from chilly winter cold fronts into more temperate influences of warmer days and nights, longer hours of daylight, and shorter nights. The environment around us responds with budding life, and aquatic inhabitants follow environmental shifts of seasonal trends. Structural elements inundated by spring rains and associated flooded terrestrial weeds and brush attract migrating fish. Fish tend to follow rising water.

Watching the blossoming springtime season overcome late winter cold fronts causes flares of dormant fishing fever among afflicted anglers. Grasses need to sprout, wildflowers need to bloom, and fisherman need to fish! Calendar, weather, and water temperature are elements of the fishing theory that drive the informed angler. Analysis and assessment of the biological and environmental influences on the target of our passion is an interesting exercise, but there is nothing like getting out on the water, putting theory to the test through practical application. Early March "field research" confirmed shallow fish were testing and moving into shallow water with persistent deliberate presentations rewarded with success. As water



temperatures continue to warm, fish will be more active and respond more quickly to an angler's presentation.

Notes on our scorecard: A bonus from the El Niño weather pattern is the overnight low temperatures trend higher in late winter, giving the spring fishing pattern an early start. Fishing has turned to catching well ahead of schedule. On all of our local lakes, the bass are putting smiles on the faces of happy anglers. Spotted bass have been more than willing to chomp down on just about any properly presented soft plastic worm. White bass have started to reappear and are biting more often. Some have been well over two pounds. A few large crappie have been finding their way into my landing net.

Ocean lovers, April 1st marks the opening of the rock fish season for the Central Coast region. Local landings take passengers to these tasty fish every day. Bringing home delicious fish fillets for dinner is almost

inevitable. Bring your camera and have an ice chest in your car to bring home your bounty.

Tight lines!

The Puzzler

Given the sequence 3, 3, 5, 4, 4, 3, 5, 5, 4, ____, what is the next number, and why?

ANSWER TO LAST MONTH'S PUZZLER

Each chicken lays 2/3 of an egg per day on average. 3/2 eggs per 3/2 hens is 1 egg per hen in 3/2 days. So, a hen produces, on average, 2/3 of an egg per day.

Hats off to Don U. and Ed B. Good attempts from Stan M., Helen R., and Miles S.

If you know the answer to this month's Puzzler, email it to twalters314@earthlink.net or call the Puzzler at (805) 472-2884. Unless it is someone directly involved with the production of this newsletter, we will acknowledge by name all who submit a correct answer

True Life Youth Group News

by Erick Reinstedt (Pastor and Youth Leader, True Life Christian Fellowship) and Mary Ann Reinstedt

We had a wonderful trip to Hume Lake with our middle schoolers in late February. Thanks so much for all of your prayers and support. The speaker was one of the best we've had, and, while our Star Destroyer didn't win the box sled competition, it did have an epic crash. Penny Riley joined a girls' broom hockey team from another church, and they won the championship. Congratulations Penny! You made our region proud.

Our regular True Life Youth Group meetings continue. Please call us for details and dates. If you'd like to prepare a meal for the youth group (we cover the costs), please let us know. It would be a true blessing to us as the dynamic of a meal adds a lot to our meetings. You can reach us at (805) 472-9325. Thanks!



True Life
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Be Loved

Women's Conference

Presented by www.4Hisbeloved.org

Sat., April 16 ♦ 10 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Free Admission ♦ Lunch Provided

Come, be refreshed, filled and loved.

RSVP (if possible, not required) to (831) 320-0620

REGULAR ACTIVITIES

Sunday Service with Children's Church, 9:30 a.m.
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Women's Groups • Recovery Group • Prayer Night • Youth Group

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April Calendar Highlights

- 1 Youth Potluck 7pm
- 2 Mission Days at Mission San Antonio
- 3 Produce Exchange 11am – 1pm
- 5 Yoga 6pm
Board Meeting at the Hall 7:15pm
- 6 Home Bureau 12 – 2pm
- 7 SMCRC Town Hall at Lockwood
Center 6pm
- 8 Bingo at Harden Center 7pm
- 10 Produce Exchange 11am – 1pm
- 12 Yoga 6pm
- 15 Potluck 7pm
- 17 Produce Exchange 11am – 1pm
- 19 Yoga 6pm
SMCERTA at the Hall 7:15pm
- 20 Home Bureau 12 – 2pm
- 24 Chicken BBQ and Auction
- 26 Yoga 6pm
- 29 – 1 Wildflower Triathlon
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