

Dana Ward Family Newsletter - February 2012 -

Dana Ward Bishopric

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Dear Dana Ward-

Two weeks ago we had the wonderful opportunity to attend Stake Conference. It was clear what the Lord wanted us to hear from our local leaders: The Temple of the Lord will bless our lives. As a bishopric we have decided to make February's theme 'TEMPLES'.



I invite you to think for a moment how the temple has blessed your life in the past, how it is a blessing to you currently, and how it may bless your life in the future. President Thomas S. Monson gave a marvelous talk last April during General Conference concerning temples and said, "Until you have entered the house of the Lord and have received all the blessings which await you there, you have not obtained everything the Church has to offer. The all-important and crowning blessings of membership in the Church are those blessings which we receive in the temples of God."

I appreciate the Mesa South Stake 2012 goal of having every member obtain and use a Temple recommend. Imagine the

strength and blessings that will come to the Dana Ward and Mesa South Stake if we reach this goal! As we do all we can to obtain a Temple recommend and use it regularly, we will move closer to the vision that our Stake President Ray Johnson, has for us, and become a "Zion-like" people.

May the Lord bless us in our righteous efforts - Brother Wesley Filhart



DANA WARD MISSION PLAN - 2012

- 1)** Every Ward member/family invite at least one individual/family to a Church activity at least once each quarter
- 2)** Weekly Missionary Moment box. Each group (Primary, Priesthood, RS) has a volunteer take something from the MM box (BOM, DVD, brochure) to give to a friend during the week. Then the next Sunday they report on what happened and someone else takes an item
- 3)** 50% of the Ward has a active up to date www.mormon.org profile by the end of February
- 4)** 6 convert baptisms

WHY? Because we want others to feel the happiness and blessings we enjoy as members of Christ's Church and God's Kingdom

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

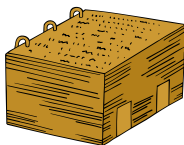


February 2012

01 Melissa Standage
02 Ed Provence
06 William Newman
06 Susette Fletcher Tiffany
07 Carol Provence
08 Elijah Williams
11 Ephraim Goodwin
12 Arlyce Reynolds
12 Pierce Davis
13 Patricia Watts
13 Jarom Hogue
14 Judy Cluff
14 Chris Montgomery
14 Arizona (100)
17 Mae Hogue
20 Josephine Nischan
21 Darrayl Hayward
24 Richard Taylor
26 Caitlyn Nichols
27 Dustin Redd
01 Jonathan Nichols
01 Mayra Candelaria
02 Kelly Eyring
02 Cory Molina
03 Kyle Hassell
03 Shaun Brown
03 Jana Florie

Missionary Mailbox

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Dear Family:

I got transferred. I'm now in Casper, Wyoming. In the 2 weeks I've been here, the wind has never dropped below 30mph with gusts of 65 mph. The weatherman calls it 'mild winds'! Mild winds my foot! It doesn't do any good to comb my hair before going out. The wind is constantly restyling for me and I need 5 more hands to keep my hair out of my face and to hold my skirt down. Thank goodness for leggings!

My companion is Sister Johnson, from Spokane, Washington and she has lots of brothers and sisters. She is way super nice and a hard worker. We have clicked



instantly. I'm excited to be here. After living in tiny towns for a year, it seems weird to be in a city with lots of people all around, food places to eat at and a shopping mall. I'm very excited for the adventures that await us!

We live with members in a HUGE house! They have a talking parrot and a few dogs. On my first day, we were home alone and I heard voices in another room. I thought there was someone in the house and Sister Johnson said, "It's the parrot!" I always thought it would be fun to have a talking parrot but now I don't think I'll ever want one. It makes noises like someone walking or the telephone ringing. Then it says, "Good Morning!" It watches me eat breakfast all the time. It is kind of creepy!

The work here is a little slow and not too much is happening. We need to get to work. We have set a goal to have 4 baptisms by April - which would be awesome! I know it will take a lot of work, but I also know that it can happen.

This seems like a harder area to find people. The people are more affluent than the people who lived in Gillette and New Castle. They seem more set in their ways and don't want to change so we have our work cut out for us. One day we were out knocking on doors and met a very angry man. He told us he didn't believe in God and finally launched into a tirade against Pres. Monson and was saying terrible things. So I told him to take it back ...! Before I got too worked up, I said, "Well, Sir, I'm sorry you feel that way. Then I testified how I know President Monson was called of God and that only through Jesus Christ can we be truly happy." Then I wished him a good day and we just left. What was interesting is that he was calm as we testified of Christ.

We have decided to focus on part member families. We visited one house where the husband is super nice but totally a "dry Mormon" (unbaptized). We invited him to take the lessons once again but he declined telling us that he is "happy where he is." Well... I was thinking, "Hmmm ... what can we do to change that thought?" My friend Tiffany sent me a Book of Mormon with her testimony written inside. I have been carrying it around for someone special to give it to. I felt prompted to give it to him and I told him how special this friend was to me and that she took the time to write her testimony. I told him that I hoped it wouldn't sit on his desk for two years and that I hope he will take the time to see what it is all about. I will let you know how it turns out!

I love the people in Newcastle so I was sad to leave - but it was also one of the hardest points of my mission. I definitely

learned a lot, that is for sure! So, even though it was sad, it was also refreshing to get transferred.

The baptisms went great! Chase, the little boy, was so cute and was just beaming! His dad was able to baptize him. I know good things are going to happen for this family as they have been less active for years. It is so exciting seeing families unite in the gospel.

Travis's baptism was later the same evening. It was so neat. Travis gave the talk on the Holy Ghost and he was telling his family why he wanted this. He had scriptures in his talk. It was as if he had



been a member his whole life 'cause the talk was awesome! I was sitting by his mom and I leaned over and said, "You could have this too!" And she just said, "I know ... I feel really good right now." So I hope that they will be able to teach his family. It was sooo neat! When we first met Travis, he had a really scruffy beard. Well, he came to church one day with it shaved off and he cut his hair short! He wasn't getting a lot of hours at work and didn't have much money, but he figured out how to order his own leather bound 'quad' from the LDS internet site and bought them for himself. I was amazed!

That ward is such a neat ward. I love the people so much!!! They will always be part of my family.

We also got to attend a baptism in Gillette earlier this month, for a little girl who was 9. She was absolutely terrified of the water and it took about 30 minutes of her mom's encouragement for her to finally be brave enough to get into the water. They even closed the accordion doors so she could feel more comfortable. It was so neat once she decided to do it - because you could see how happy she was to be baptized.

There are so many good things that happened in Newcastle this month. I think the greatest thing that we have given to the ward is hope! They have had a lot of struggles as a ward. Many people have told us that we have helped bring the ward back to loving each other. They have been so excited to help out with the two baptisms and I can see good things happening in Newcastle. When we first got there, it was like walking on egg shells. Now everyone seems so friendly! Even without the baptisms, I think our greatest accomplishment in Newcastle has been seeing the uniting and healing within the ward.

Love, Sister Hunt

how huge this place is. We have a lot of ranches and mountains. It's crazy how similar it is to northern AZ. Some parts of the area, I feel like I'm in a different



This is me washing clothes. That's how we do it here in Mexico

country. In one part, I feel I'm in Italy. There are lots of cobble stone roads, little stores on the side of the road, TONS of little back alleyways, huge old buildings, huge Beautiful Catholic churches. Then another part of my area is mountains where people live on the side. It looks and feels like Brazil. There is even a huge statue on the top of a mountain like the statue of Christ in Brazil. It's way awesome! I love it. The branch is tiny! Our building is tiny as well. I gave



This is half the people in our branch. The older guy next to me on the right is the Second counselor to President Walker. a talk in church yesterday. I talked about "La Familia: Una Proclamacion para el Mundo" (the Family Proclamation). It went pretty well. My Spanish



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HELLO FAMILY!!!

I have been transferred and my new area is in a place called Montemorelos, just a little southeast of Monterrey and Nuevo Leon. My new comp is named Elder Santiago from Lima, Peru. He is 22, about 5'4" and is a convert of about 3 years. He has about 7 months of his mission left. SO this area is sweet. It's really spacious. There is a lot of open area. We have to take a greyhound bus to our district meetings every Monday. The next area is an hour away. That's

fluency has gone way up since being with a native. I'm pretty stoked about that! The members here are awesome! One of the members has a daughter that lives in Queen Creek, AZ. and she goes to visit every 6 months. She knows the area by the Mesa Temple pretty well. She has lots of pictures around that area so it makes me a little homesick, but then I get over it. We have 2 great investigators. One is named Isidro. He is an 80 year



Our investigator, Isidro. He's working on giving up coffee. We painted his door and put up new screen.

old man. He had a baptism date for him this week, but we had to put it off a bit. He is still working on his Word of Wisdom. Our other investigator is named Leticia. She is about 38 and is awesome. She drank coffee but after teaching her the Word of Wisdom, she doesn't even want it anymore. She has



a baptism date for the first week in February. It's pretty awesome! We have other investigators as well, but they aren't really progressing like these two. Last night, we met a family of 10 who all want to be

taught the Word of God. That's basically my news for this week. I'm excited to work here and get re-established. I am always grateful to get your letters. I miss you all and love you so much! Have a wonderful week!

Love

Elder Stark



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Here's the news from Ecuador. I have now survived my first transfer. I am so happy! It was hard to leave my companion and all of my investigators but I love this new area also. I am in the Zone-Quevedo North Sector-Valencia. My companion is Elder Tibanlombo. He is from



Quito and only he and his mother are members. They are still waiting on the father and sister to gain a testimony and be baptized. He showed me how to make 'Verde's' and 'Mas Dudos' yesterday. Our house is so much nicer than the other dumpster dive I was living in. It's a lot quieter without the other set of missionaries but

it's still good. It has been raining everyday, all day, since I've been here. But today the sun has no mercy and it is super humid. Less sun, but a lot more humidity! In the other house, we were without fans the whole time. In our new house we have a little air conditioner, which works magnificently. We are lucky to have one and it feels so nice to come home to cold air. On the street that we live on, every day they open up shops and put up tents and the street becomes a shopping mall, with food and stuff so we are going to buy our groceries right there. After that, we have to wash our own clothes, so that's a time waster! We have blackouts (electricity goes off) everyday. It is so crazy, my comp said it happens all throughout Ecuador but it only happened once in Guayaquil and we were all asleep. But it's really fun here.

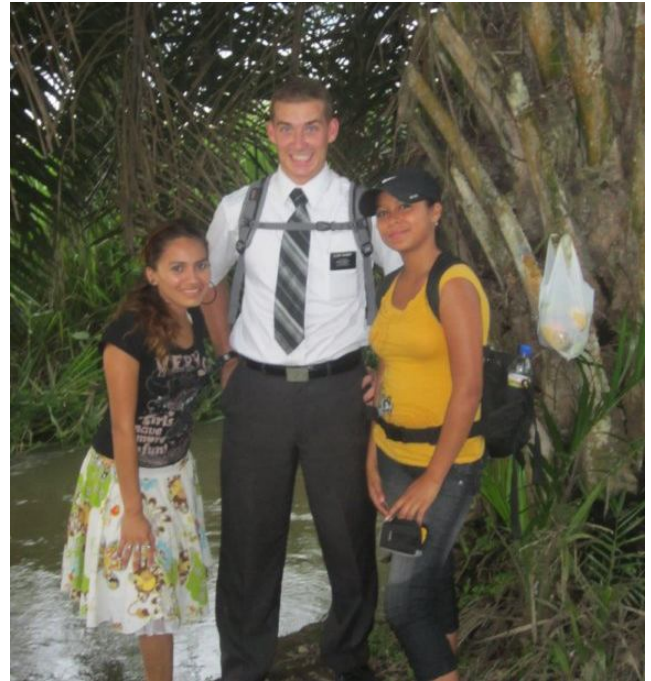
Our area is in the boonies! It has like 5-10 little pueblitos, or small towns. We live in Valecia and we proselyte here mostly. Tomorrow however, we are going to Agua Claras. Mangos are 15-25 for a dollar so even better news. Next week we are going to go out to a waterfall that's in our area. So that's going to be sweet. It's beautiful here with mountains, and everything is green.



Elder Tibanlombo has only one more transfer than me in mission life, so we make 'awesome missionaries' to be working together. My comp said that about 100 people are in our ward but only 40 attended Sunday meetings. That was sad, but we will see what we can do to help the bishop. I passed the sacrament with a little 12-year-old deacon and I already have one of our investigator's children calling me his cousin. So

I think I'm doing pretty good out here. I can't complain.

The best news is that we have about 5 baptisms scheduled this month. One this week (if we can get permission from a mother) and four on the 28th. All of these investigators are ready. They have been prepared for many years with



many missionaries. So please Pray For Our Investigators!!!!!! God has given us so many miracles this week and I don't want to fail him. I love my new area and we are already having some success.

I love you all, Elder Schnepf

Elder Brandon Eyring

enters the MTC in Provo, 15 Feb, 2012 to begin his missionary service in the Virginia Richmond Mission (English speaking). He has completed his temple endowments and is ready to go! Excellent talk on Sunday Elder Eyring!

Elder Sheldon Hassell has received his mission call to serve in the **Oregon Eugene Mission**. Sheldon will be serving a Spanish speaking mission and will report

to the Provo MTC April 25, 2012. Sheldon also went through the Mesa Temple for the first time, January 21st. Our best wishes to Sheldon as he continues his preparations to serve a mission for the Church.

NOTE: There are currently 33 full time missionaries serving from the Mesa South Stake (soon to be 35!).

Tate Brinton (452-5783) Ward Mission Leader.

FYI: Full-time Missionaries; **Elder Bowerman** (from Colorado) and **Elder Rindlisbacher** (from Washington state) 495-8138.

Ward Calendar Activities

Feb 3: Laurels/Priests 'Mormon Prom'
Feb 4: Scouts - Food Drive
Feb 8: Dance Festival practice for 2 oldest age groups in YM/YW
Feb 9: Ward Temple Night - 6:30 pm
Feb 10 & 11: Mormon Tabernacle Choir Concert
Feb 12: Ward Conference
Feb 15: Scout Court of Honor
Feb 15: YW 'New Beginnings' Program
Feb 16: Cub Scouts & families Blue & Gold Banquet - 6 pm at the church.
Feb 17 & 18: Scouts - District Camporee
Feb 18: Stake Sweetheart Ball for Stake Adults. 6-9pm @ Stake Building
Feb 19: Family History Course SS Class begins
Feb 21: Night RS - "Hollywood Squares" game
Feb 22: Dance Festival practice for 2 oldest age groups in YM/YW
Feb 25: Stake 11 yr old Scout Day Camp
Feb 28 & 29: Primary boys softball
Feb 29-Mar 3: MHS "Beauty & the Beast"
Mar 1: Stake Women's Temple Day
Mar 3: Stake Women's Conference, 8am to 2pm
(Be sure to check for activities listed under the different Auxiliary Organizations)

Notes on Dana Ward Folks

We have learned of the passing of **Gary Tiffany's** mother, **Ruth Tiffany**, on Tuesday, Jan 31, 2012. Her services were held Sat., Feb 4. As a ward, we offer our sympathy and prayers for the **Tiffany family** at this time.

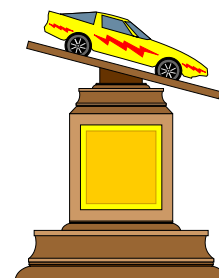
The Children of **Ed and Carol Provence** hosted a surprise birthday party for them on January 28th. Ed's birthday was on Feb 2 and Carol's is Feb 7. Light refreshments were served and a short program was enjoyed. The celebration was held in the Provence's old ward building in Tempe. Happy Birthday to both of you 'young' kids!

Alec Turner, son of **Tamera and Robbie Turner**, was ordained a Priest by his uncle, David Turner, on Jan. 8.

Congratulations to the following kids who memorized their 13 Articles of Faith. They were invited to celebrate at the Stake Articles of Faith Recognition night on Jan 29th: **Mason Redd, Chris Montgomery, Liz Crandell, Payzlee Hird and Rylee Hird**. Great Job!

The **Pinewood Derby** was held in January. The boys had a great time. ... And the Winners Are...

1st Place: Jeremy Perez
2nd Place: Braedon Florie
3rd Place: Rhett Hird



The coveted '**Flat Tire**' Award went to **Garrett Lans**. Great Job on your cars boys!

Courtney Eyring is going to New York March 6-11, with the MHS Student Council. Courtney is the Sports Commissioner on the Council.

Larissa Hunt and Courtney Eyring are both playing tennis on the Mesa High Team! **Larissa Hunt** is excited about her new job at Organ Stop Pizza.

Alex Shope passed his Board of Review to receive his **Eagle Scout Award**. The award will be given to him at a future Court of Honor. Good Work Alex!



Jessica Hale and Jessica Mote have both transferred their membership to the Young Single Adult Ward. (That's why Jessica Hale no longer plays the organ for our meetings.)

Lonnette Millican recently took a ride in a HOT AIR BALLOON. It was something on her "Bucket List" of things to do before she dies! You Go Girl!

We have four ward members planning to run in the Feb 24 & 25 "**Ragnar Relay**" which is a **200 mile relay** race by teams made up of 12 members each. **Chad Gardiner, Tyler Stradling and Jessica Hale** are all members of different family participant teams. **Marie Montgomery** is running with an all girls team made up of close friends. Ragnar is the overnight running relay race that makes testing your limits, a team sport. The legs of the race vary in difficulty and



distance, from 3-8 miles, allowing elite and novice runners to run together. Over 2 days and 1 night, teams run across some of the country's most scenic terrain. Pair that with crazy costumes, inside jokes, a great finish line party and unforgettable stories. Some call it a slumber party without sleep, pillows or deodorant. We call it **Ragnar**! This particular race begins in Wickenburg and ends in Tempe via Surprise, New River, Carefree, Fountain Hills and Scottsdale. Each runner will have 3 turns during the race, so everyone gets a middle-of-the-night turn. These athletic ward members all seem quite 'SANE' otherwise! (We really are proud of all of them and stand in complete AWE of their physical condition and dedication!) The Dana Ward Family will be your 'cheering squad'!



The Mesa High School musical production of "**Beauty and the Beast**" will be held at the MHS auditorium Feb 29 thru Mar 3. Besides the evening show on Mar 3, there will also be a 2pm afternoon matinee. **Sarah Young, Joseph Standage, Courtney Eyring and Steele Crandell**, all Dana Ward Youth, will be performing in this wonderful production. **Steele is playing the part of Gastone**. The MHS Musical of 2011 took National Honors and sold out early. You don't want to miss this opportunity to see our own kids on the stage! Discount tickets may be purchased (\$6) from any cast member. Tickets at the door (if available) will be \$10. **Reserved seating is not available**. Taylor Jr. High is doing "Music Man" in March and **Nathan Young, Lauren Eyring and Shelby Standage** are in the cast.

Nancy Lalliss is proud that one of her grandsons, a member of the Mountain View Concert Band,

won a seat in the National High School Band that was chosen to play in a ceremony at Pearl Harbor on Dec 7th, to commemorate the anniversary of the 1941 raid on Pearl Harbor in Hawaii.

Cheryl Lans was able to complete her temple ordinances Jan. 21st in the Mesa Temple and she is now making preparations to have her two sons sealed to she and her husband, Mike. Wonderful accomplishments Chery! Congratulations!

Edwina Dastrup, after spending several days in ICU, has been diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. Edwina is very ill and her doctors are trying to determine a course of treatment for her. She has chosen not to pursue chemo or radiation treatments or further exhaustive testing because of the complication each would cause, with little chance of dramatic benefits. Edwina spent a few weeks at home with her daughter Sandra. She is now at the home of her daughter Julie Petersen, with Hospice assistance. She has good days mixed in with not-so-good days. Edwina's cell phone number is 480-980-8859. If she is able to visit, she will answer. Julie's home phone number is 480-545-4771 and Julie will answer if she is available. Edwina needs all of our prayers.



Daline Maddern has fallen and severely broken her elbow and upper arm. Because of the complication of her break, she was transferred to a Scottsdale facility where a particular specialist could work on her injured arm and elbow. They have put things back together and she has been released from the hospital and will be staying with her niece in Maricopa until she can return to her own home here in the ward. We hope you mend fast Daline. We miss you!

Jeff Hoepfner did a good job of breaking his ankle on January 9th. His doctors had to wait for the swelling to go down before they could do surgery on the ankle Jan. 26th. It is projected that he will need about 3 months for full recovery. When he is released by the hospital it is anticipated that he will be in the Springdale Nursing Care facility at Broadway and 32nd. Jeff is determined that he is going to regain his overall health and strength. We wish you well Jeff!

Alyse Turner is undergoing tests to determine the cause of some health issues she is having. A herniated disk is suspected. Meanwhile, she is home with TLC from Mom and Dad! Get well Alyse!

SPECIAL NOTE OF INTEREST

Pres. Wallace and Sister Edith Haws have been called to serve a two year mission as the coordinators of Humanitarian Services for the Church in the Dominican Republic. They report to the Provo MTC

March 26, 2012 where they will receive a week of training and then spend another week at Welfare Square in Salt Lake before traveling to the Dominican Republic. The missionaries they are replacing will be released before the Hawses arrive, so they are already in contact and exchanging information. Pres. Haws speaks some Spanish but he and Sister Haws are taking an intensive Spanish Language course in preparation for their Service Mission.

Their responsibilities will have them working with and coordinating with other churches, the Red Cross and local government agencies and facilities. They will have a car and expect to be driving many miles. Many of the residents live in remote villages with crude and primitive farming methods, and unreliable or non-existent



sanitary drinking water and sanitary conditions. The civil engineering skills of Pres. Haws will be of great benefit in helping design and provide reliable and sanitary drinking water, filtration and distribution systems. His many years of gardening will be valuable in helping to teach better methods and more productive food crops suitable for the local soil conditions. They will also work with orphanages, neo-natal training, hospitals and help design and make available, reliable electricity to remote areas.



Right now, accidents or illnesses that cause damage to legs, often result in the amputation of the legs because there are few available doctors to properly set or repair broken limbs. This area consequently has a great number of individuals with missing legs. The Church has already invested several years in providing wheelchairs and is now working on training local individuals to make prosthetics. Two individuals currently make prosthetics in a

small, single room facility and they are now teaching others these same skills.

Children play in ditches that carry contaminated water and sewage, often resulting in sickness and sometimes, death. Education and better facilities could eliminate this problem.

The Hawses are taking their many skills and years of experience to an area that will be greatly benefited by their service. We can follow their adventures on their blog site: hawsdradventure.blogspot.com.



A Sweetheart Dance

will be held for the Mesa South Stake Adults on Feb. 18 in the Stake Building at 24th and Pueblo. The dance will be in the Cultural Hall from 6 to 9 pm.

Dallas and Helen Petersen will be moving to Australia in July where Dallas will continue his pursuit of his Doctorate Degree in Chinese/American Studies. They have housing lined up and a plan to complete his degree. We are all secretly hoping they will eventually be able to return to the Dana Ward Family!



Relief Society

Pres Lou Hunt	833-4867
1 Couns Julie Eyring	835-1792
2 Couns Linette Morris	962-8221
Sec Nancy Tiffany	834-8494

Stake Women's Conference

All Women of the Mesa South Stake are invited to attend a Women's Conference

"Filled with Joy"

on Saturday, March 3rd, 2012. It will be held from 8 am to 2 pm. in the Stake Bldg. The keynote speaker will be the artist, Greg Olsen.

Lunch will be served

Followed by a program.

Please mark your calendar and plan to attend this very special event.

In conjunction with a Mesa South Stake Women's Conference, the Stake will be holding a special women's Temple Day on March 1, 2012. They are encouraging each sister to plan to be able to do the temple ordinances for one of their own female ancestors that day. If you need help finding an ancestor's name for this purpose, Sister Christine Martin is offering to help. If you start now, we can get one of the ward youth to do the baptism for your ancestor so the name will be ready for you to do an ordinance for this individual from your family tree. Call Sister Martin if you need help with the temple ordinance cards or baptisms -- 480-835-6396.

February RS Lesson Schedule

Feb 5: Lesson taught by RS Presidency

Feb 12: Ward Conference "Stand in Holy Places" (Ensign-Nov 11 by Thomas S. Monson)
Lesson taught by Stake

Feb 19: #4 - "Prophet Joseph Smith" by Anna O'Bryant

Feb 26: # 3- "Our Testimony of Jesus Christ" by Lonnette Millican

Mark your calendars for Tues Feb 21st. Night

Relief Society will begin at 6:30 pm in the Cultural Hall. It's **GAME NIGHT**, and this time, we will be playing a crazy RS version of **"HOLLYWOOD SQUARES"**!

There are going to be some special

"Surprise" guests!

Watch for details

Young Women

Pres Lindsey Layton 292-4556

1st Couns Jill Schnepf 890-8934

2nd Couns MaryAnn Kaberry 993-3351

Sec Dawna Bury 529-6112



Stake Girl's Camp will be May 29 – June 1, right after school is out. The cost this year is \$75 per girl. The first payment of \$40 is due on Feb 12th and the second payment of \$35 will be due Mar 25th. The girls that helped with the yard sale earned \$25 each. Any ward members willing to help the girls earn camp money are welcome to call us. Sister Lindsey Layton has the permission/medical forms each girl will need to fill out and have signed by required



signatures. Call her for answers to your questions – 292-4556. Camp is one of the “FUNNEST” activities each year! Start saving your babysitting money and be creative about earning your necessary funds!

The Laurels and Priests participated in the four stake formal dance known as the “**Mormon Prom**” held Feb 3, 2012 at the Kimball Stake Center. The theme was “Now I See the Light”. A lot of fun was enjoyed by our ward youth.

The Mia Maid and Laurel girls will participate in practices for the coming Dance Festival during their MIA activity times on Feb. 8 and 22. The Regional Dance Festival will be held April 21 at the MHS football stadium.

“**NEW BEGINNINGS**” for the Young Women will be held February 15, 2012 at the ward building.

Primary

Pres Cheeri Redd 834-7788

1st Couns: Karlie Stradling 323-0611

2nd Couns: Dawn Nichols 610-1223

Sec: Marie Montgomery 834-2093

CTR

Primary Theme for 2012 is “Choose the Right”

February Theme: ‘When We Choose the Right, We Are Blessed’

Assigned Talks: Feb 12 – Chris Montgomery
Feb 26 – Parker Hird

Note that **Chris Montgomery** is graduating from Primary this month and will be ordained a Deacon. He also will be moving on to the Young Men’s Program. Congratulations Chris!



The Primary is happy to welcome our new pianist, **Helen Petersen**. We would be lost without a pianist!

Welcome also to **Richard and Marilyn Durfee** who will be teaching a CTR4 class. We are so glad to have you join us in Primary! They recently completed and were released from their mission calling at the FHC.

ACTIVITY DAYS

For Primary Girls ages 8 – 11 will be

Sat. Feb 4 @ 10 am

Wed. Feb 22 @ 4:30 to 5:30 pm

(Both held at the ward bldg nursery room)

The Cub Scouts and their families are invited to come and celebrate scouting at the Blue and Gold Banquet, February 16th, 6 pm at the Stake Building.



Softball for Primary Boys ages 8-11, will begin on Feb 28 & 29 from 5 to 6 pm.

They will be playing on the baseball fields at the Inter Stake Center (Behind and north of Mesa Jr. High). They will finish their games on March 6, 7, and 8th.



The Stake 11 Year Old Scout **Day Camp** will be held February 25, 2012. Please watch for more info!

YOUNG MEN



Pres. Richard Hale 834-3041

1st Couns. Daniel Scott 602-620-1072

2nd Couns. Pat Rogers 695-7616

Sec. Conley Martin 313-7194

In January, **Dallas Petersen** was released as the YM first counselor and advisor to the Teacher's Quorum. We are grateful for the time, service and leadership that Brother Petersen gave to our young men in the Teacher/Varsity Scout program. **Brother Daniel Scott** has been called to serve as the first counselor and advisor to the Teacher/Varsity Scout program. Daniel has been serving as the assistant in this capacity and we are confident in Brother Scott's ability to strengthen and mentor our young men. **Scott Baker** has been called to serve as the assistant advisor and coach for the Teacher/Varsity young men. Scott has many years of experience serving in this program. We are blessed to have these fine men serving our ward youth.

A Stake Youth ***Pioneer Trek Reinactment*** will also be held this year, October 15 - 19 during the School Break. Watch for Details and get 'Handcart' ready! This is an outstanding activity designed to inspire and strengthen the youth and leaders of our wards. We appreciate the time and work by the leaders to pull this off!

Feb 3: Priests/Laurels 4 Stake Formal "Mormon Prom"

Feb 5: Sunday-YM take care of Fast Offerings

Feb 7: Board of Reviews

Feb 8 & 22: Teachers/Priests Dance Festival practice at MIA

Feb. 15: Court of Honor for Scout awards & advancements

Feb 17 & 18: Deacons have a District Camporee at Adobe Mountain Railroad Park. The Scouts will pack in and are working on packing smart and light. They will be working on their Railroading Merit Badge. There will be Olympic type training competition between the different troops. They will be competing using the skills and information they have learned up through the Tenderfoot Rank.

Feb 4, the Ward Scouts participated in the national "**Scouting For Food**" drive to help replenish the local food banks. Our Scouts canvassed the ward area collecting non-perishable food items. Thanks so much for your generous donations.

The "**Friends of Scouting Drive**" will be conducted by our ward Scout Leaders during the month of February. This is the annual campaign to fund the Roosevelt Council expenses which include maintenance and costs to run our Council's Camp facilities, operate the Council offices, etc. Each ward family will

be contacted. We are encouraged to 'give what you can'.



FOR YOUR INFORMATION

In conjunction with our Ward Conference, the February Ward Temple Day will be Thursday,



Feb 9, @ 6:30 pm or whichever session you can attend. NOTE: The temple is usually closed on all Mondays, but Feb 20- the temple will be open from 7 to 11 am with sessions every 30 min.

Just a Note on the January Temple Day tied to our Stake Conference: 446 Ordinances were completed with 298 being family ordinances from Dana Ward members. Many of the stake members attending took family ordinance cards of Dana Ward family members to help complete their work. We are looking forward to even more family names from our ward members, in Feb and March. If you need help, call Chris Martin 835-6396.

The Dana Ward has the responsibility to clean the ward building every Saturday during Feb, Mar, and April. Every family will have one assigned turn during this time. If you are unable to go your assigned turn, please call a family that comes after you and make arrangements with them to trade turns. The list will be available soon. Thanks for helping! By doing this, we are helping to make more Church funds available for temples, etc.

We have been encouraged to fill out our profile on mormon.org to accept the invitation of the First Presidency to proclaim our belief in our Church and Faith. Call any member of our ward Bishopric or Conley Martin (835-6396) if you do not have your profile entered yet on mormon.org and you need help. As of the Sunday "Help" Meeting, the following have posted their profiles: Robbie Turner family, Efrain & Rosa Rodriguez, Rod & Brandon Boone, Dustin Redd family, Patrick Rogers Family, Darren Eyring Family, David Hawks family, Dwight & Linette Morris, Kevin Hunt family, Kyle Hassell family, Tanner & Lindsey Layton, Neal & Helen Chapman, Spencer Bury family, Ray Crandell family, Summer Smalley, Dale & Violet Rogers, Wes Filhart family, Marie Montgomery, Conley Martin family, Hal & Judy Cluff, Arlyce Reynolds.

2012 Canning Schedule for the

Home Storage Center

Our Stake Canning day will usually be the 4th Tuesday and our time will always be 10:30 am. Beginning Jan 1st, you no longer have to sign up ahead of time for the items you wish to can during our assigned times. Just arrive 15 min. early and let them know what you want to can from that month's scheduled items. You may also purchase extra of those items at the end of the canning session.



Feb: Potato Flakes, Fruit Drink Mix, Sugar, Black Beans, White Beans. (Canning: 28 Feb) **Mar:** Refried Beans, cocoa, onions, sugar & potato flakes (Canning: 27 Mar). **Apr:** Milk, Reg. Oats, macaroni, carrots, apples. (Canning: Apr 24) For information, call Sally Goodwin 444-8740.

Gilbert Temple construction progress during January 2012.



Photo taken 22 Jan. 2012. It's starting to look like a temple



Artist's rendering of the completed Gilbert, Az Temple

MARGIN NOTES:

"We need not feel anxious about the progress of Zion, for the good old ship will sail proudly on, and those who are faithful and true will land with her safely in the harbor of God, crowned with glory, immortality and eternal life."
President George Albert Smith

"It should be evident to all, and it will be some day, that the opposition to this work would have overcome it long ago if it had not been divine." Pres. Geo. Albert Smith

"When the gospel was restored in our day it was with the promise that it will never again be taken from the earth or given to another people. Serve God and keep his commandments." Pres. George Albert Smith

"The Savior said this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations, and then shall the end come. The Lord would not require an impossibility. He is removing the obstructions, and the gospel shall be preached." Pres. Geo. Albert Smith

"In order that we might be prepared for the celestial kingdom, the Lord, in his mercy, in this latter day, restored the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and placed in it divine authority, and then gave understanding to His children that certain ordinances may be received and performed.
For this purpose temples were built and into those temples those who desire a place in the Celestial Kingdom have the opportunity to go and receive their blessings, to enrich their lives and prepare them for that kingdom. We are the only people in the world who know what temples are for." President George Albert Smith

"There are many, many millions of our Father's children who do not know that by partaking of certain ordinances prescribed by our Heavenly Father, husbands and wives may be united for time and eternity and enjoy the companionship of their children forever. How thankful we should be for that knowledge." Pres. Geo. Albert Smith

"Let us instruct our young people in these matters from their earliest youth, so that when they approach the time of marriage, there will be no question in their minds as to where or how or by whom that sacred ordinance should be performed - and the only place in which it may be performed for time and for eternity is in a temple."
Pres. George Albert Smith

"All of the temples which have been built or yet will be dedicated, will prove to be a blessing beyond measure to all those who worthily avail themselves in the privilege of using it, both for themselves and for their kindred dead."
President George Albert Smith

And at all times, and in all places, he shall open his mouth and declare my gospel as with the voice of a trumpet, both day and night. And I will give unto him strength such as is not known among men. D&C 24:12

Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Isaiah 40:3

"Of course we will face fear, experience ridicule and meet opposition. Let us have the courage to defy the consensus, the courage to stand for principle. Courage, not compromise, brings the smile of God's approval. Pres. Thomas S. Monson

"Your priesthood calls allow you to offer the sacrament of the Lord's Supper to the members of His Church. That is the same privilege the Savior granted to the Twelve Apostles in His mortal ministry. He did it again when He called twelve disciples after His Resurrection to lead His Church on the American Continent." Pres. Henry B. Eyring

Consider the lilies of the field how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin; and yet I say unto you, that even Solomon, in all his glory, was not arrayed like one of these. 3 Nephi 13:28-29