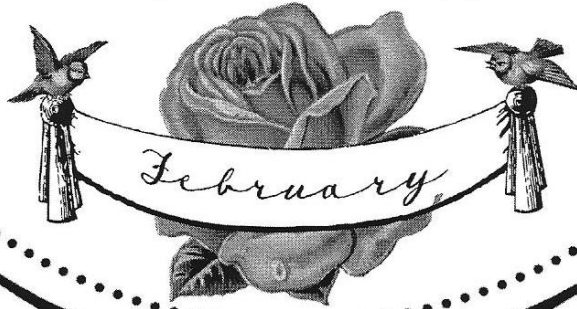


# DANA WARD NEWS

2-2013 Issue



## BISHOPRIC MESSAGE

Dear Ward Family,

The topic for youth instruction in February is the Plan of Salvation.

Also known as the Plan of Happiness. My message is my testimony.

I testify and know that this plan was instituted by our loving Heavenly Father. We existed as spirit children before birth. Jesus Christ is our Savior, and played a vital role in the plan.

At birth we began our mortal existence, started our "test". Death is our graduation. What a blessing the gospel is in my life to have this knowledge. Living it brings joy. True and Lasting Joy.

In the name of Jesus Christ, Amen.

Brother Hassell

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

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|------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1 - Audrey Ann Smith         | 14 - Christian Levi Montgomery |
| 6 - Suesette Ann Fletcher    | 17 - Ethelyn Mae Hogue         |
| 7 - Carol Jeanne Provence    | 17 - Lina Nong                 |
| 8 - Samuel Elijah Williams   | 18 - Alyssia Alaina Mallette   |
| 11 - Ephraim Matthew Goodwin | 20 - Josephine Nischan         |
| 12 - Arlyce Mynoa Reynolds   | 20 - Chad Ronald Robinson      |
| 13 - Jarom David Hogue       | 24 - Richard Lynn Taylor       |
| 13 - Michael Mallette Jr.    | 26 - Caitlyn Nichols           |
| 13 - Patricia Ann Watts      | 27 - Dustin Hardison Redd      |
| 14 - Rory Roan Mitchell      | 28 - Karl Eric Sundberg        |

### BISHOPRIC

Bishop - Darren Eyring - 480-695-2346

1st Counselor - Kyle Hassell - 480-969-4276

2nd Counselor - Wes Filhart - 480-832-0391

Exec. Secretary - Dustin Redd - 480-369-7903

### MESA SOUTH STAKE PRESIDENCY

President - Ray Johnson

1st Counselor - Rondal Jones

2nd Counselor - Douglas Millett

Exec. Secretary - Daniel Zufelt

Stake Clerk - Larry Schnepf

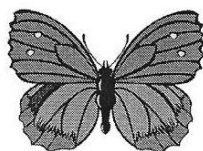
Full-time Missionaries - 480-495-8138



## ELDER'S QUORUM

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President - David Hawks - 480-776-9182



## Young Women

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President - Lindsey Layton - 480-529-8758

Young Women New Beginnings  
February 20th at 7pm at the Stake Center



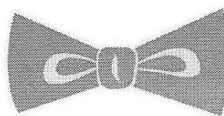
## YOUNG MEN

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President - Richard Hale - 480-834-3041

Mesa District Camporee  
for all 11 year-old scouts and Boy Scouts  
February, 15th and 16th at Schnepf Farms in Queen Creek

Spencer Nichols' Eagle Court of Honor  
February, 22nd at 6:30pm



## HIGH PRIEST GROUP

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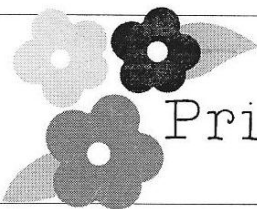
President - Ray Crandell - 480-353-9553



## Relief Society

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President - Lou Hunt - 480-833-4867



## Primary

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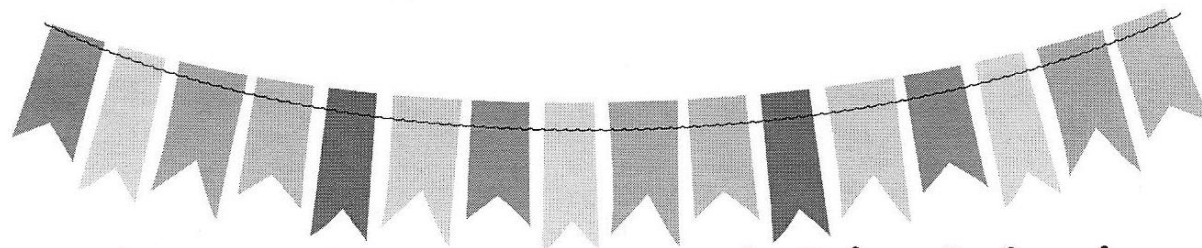
President - Cheeri Redd - 480-834-7778

Ephraim Goodwin's baptism  
Saturday, February 16th at 12 pm

Cub Scout Pack Meeting  
Thursday, February 21st at 6 pm

Cub Scouts Scout-o-rama  
Saturday, February 23rd

Primary Girls Activity Day  
Thursday, February 28th from 4:30 - 5:30 pm  
Activity Day Leaders - Amy Petersen & Lynette McGraw



# News From Around The Ward

On January 17th Evan Redd won The Pinewood Derby. One of the Hird boys was awarded The Flat Tire Award.

Marinda Hunt is getting married on February 16th to Michael Roller from Benson, Arizona. They are getting married in the Gila Valley Temple. They met on their missions and their mission president is the current President of the Gila Temple and will perform the sealing. They will have a reception in Mesa at the Spur Building from 7-9 pm. All ward members are invited - with or without a paper invitation.

Children of Kevin and Lou are coming from various directions - K.C. and wife and family from St. George, Jenae from Germany, Kaylea and husband from Forest Grove (Portland), Oregon, and Lana and family from Idaho Falls, Idaho. Eight of the Hunt children will be in the Temple (Larissa being too young).

Tryouts for Regional Choir and Orchestra at Mesa High were held last weekend. Kimball Rogers, Brandon Boone, Bendan Merkley, and Sarah Young all auditioned. Kimball Rogers made both Choir and Orchestra Regionals and has chosen Regional Choir as his focus.

Sister Betty Curtis celebrated her birthday and all her children came in to town to be with her.

Larissa Hunt, Courtney Eyring, and Lauren Eyring made the Tennis Team at Mesa High.

Kevin Hale reported to MTC on January 16th. He is called to serve in the Chile Vine del Mar Mission



Janette Mauretta Bury  
Born January 15th at 4:23 am 8 lbs 10oz 20 1/4" long  
Parents Dawna and Spencer Bury  
Big Sisters Jaidyn and Jacee

Emmry Autumn Petersen was blessed on January 20th  
Born November 1st, 2012 9 lbs 6 oz 21" long  
Parents Andrew and Amy Petersen  
Big Brother Jackson, 3 years-old

*mark your calendars*


Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec

**Stake Boys Primary Softball** will be held  
February 27th & 28th and March 5th & 6th

**YSA Stake Devotional**  
February 10th at 5:30 pm at the Spur Bldg.

We have the opportunity to help clean the Cannery  
Wednesday, February 13th at 6:00 pm.  
Eight people are needed to fill the shift.  
*Please contact a member of the Bishopric if you are available for this service.*

We have a wet pack assignment at the Cannery  
Monday, February 25th.  
Five people are needed to fill the shift.  
*Please contact a member of the Bishopric if you are available for this service.*

**Stake Adult Sweetheart Ball**   
Saturday, February 16th 6 - 9 pm at the Stake Center

**President's Day** is the final holiday the flags will be posted for the 2012 flag subscriptions. Look forward to the Boy Scouts contacting you for the 2013 flag service within the next few weeks.

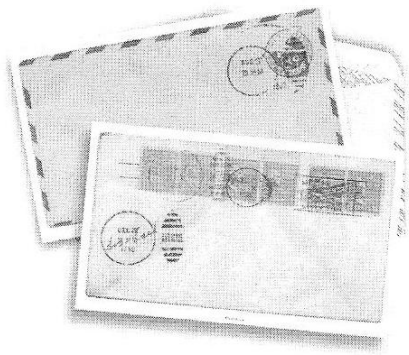
**Ward Conference** will be held Sunday, February 24th

**Ward Temple Day** is Thursday, February 28th  
*Please go anytime during the day.*

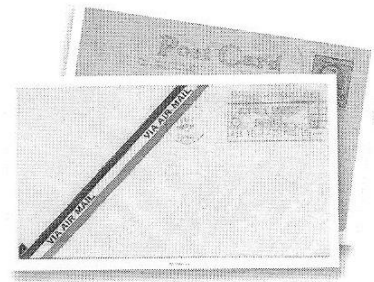
**SEND US YOUR NEWS!**

Cris Rogers - 480-695-4370

Molly Reynolds - 480-202-5517



# MISSIONARY MAIL



Well for my first week in Albany. It well was kinda hard. I was kind of in shock that I got transferred. We got here, I met my comp, then we went to email. Afterwards we played some sports and then shopped.

Tuesday we were at the house of one of our investigators named Jose. 19yr old kid really cool. He read the Restoration Pamphlet and said he got a really good feeling. Today we taught him the Gospel of Jesus Christ. He was showering when we got there so we helped his mom Soledad make tortillas then she made eggs and beans as well. Yeah they like feeding us here. I dunno what happened, lesson went great but the food didn't. We committed him to be baptized the 16th of February and he accepted. So like I said the lesson was really good. Later that evening I was not feeling well at all. We walked up to the door of a less active, I almost puked but didn't. Then sitting there in their house she said burrito and that did it. I asked to used the bathroom and then puked. The rest of the night I felt super sick.

Wednesday I slept in all day, practically (with permission of course from Sis Young). But anyways. The rest of the week I felt sick off and on.

First Sunday in church, got to say a prayer and pass the sacrament. Branch President here, President Patton, is a really nice guy; he's an anesthesiologist.

Sorry don't have more time to write, but the timer on this computer is flashing at me. I love you all very much hope you have a wonderful week.

Con Amor,  
Elder Hassell

Hello Family!

Well mom and dad what an awesome experience. We also had stake conference and we had Elder Ibañez of the seventy and it was a great conference. He had shared with us a few stories and he made a few comments about the us and about President Amaya. We also had Our Zone and District leaders Counsel on Friday and it was an excellent experience because I had a few questions that needed answers and I believe that through the guidance of the spirit they were answered, so tomorrow we will give out training and see how the zone progresses. On Saturday we had the baptism of Marcos Rodriguez. and it was such a good baptism. He has been a tender mercy of the lord for us.

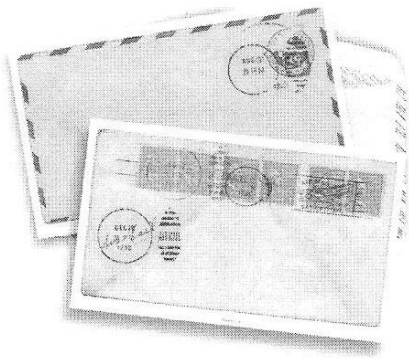
Elder Medranda and I have been getting along well. We work well together. He is a great example to me of all the things he has learned in his part of the mission. He will be finishing in June. We suppose that he will be finishing his mission in this area and my next area I will be finishing. It really is going by fast. So here is my advice to Mathew: Here are a few things that i wish i done earlier (1) STUDY PREACH MY GOSPEL (2) Be more familiar with the scriptures(all of them) before you get into the mission field (3) Amplify Your vision of what your calling really is. Good luck!

Family this week we are in great need of prayers and fasting. Monthly goal is 20. this week goal 10 and my companion and I are going to be fighting for 2 of our investigators to be baptized and one of them would be completing to family. So Schnepf family the eternities are on the line this week for one family. and for one family a freshly planted seed is on the line. SO We need all the help we can get. So Thank you all for your prayers, fasting, and your faith. Keep it up and my our Father in heaven bless your lives. I promise you mom and dad as a representative of our Savior Jesus Christ I promise you that it will all work out in the end. "Some blessings come immediately some come later on, and others don't come until heaven, but those who embrace the gospel of Jesus Christ, they come."(elder Jeffrey R. Holland). Okay family these are my words. I love you all have an amazing week. bye.

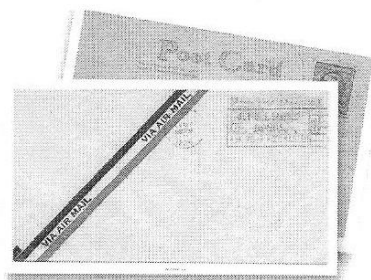
Elder Schnepf







# MISSIONARY MAIL



Hello again!

This week has been so great I can't even begin to describe everything that has happened and that I want to talk about. There will be a lot of things that I know I will forget to say but I'll try to say most of them!

Well, I can't remember if I said this last time, but Elder SHiflet and I got 2 new companions in our room and they are Elder Taylor and Elder Heaps. They are both 18 years old as well and they are both awesome Elders! From talking to them, I have come to realize how blessed I have been in my life to have such a great family that provides so much love and support for me.

The only place where someone can feel this level of unselfish love and concern for someone is in and through the Church of Jesus Christ. Which is exactly who we should focus on. It's just like a big triangle. We are on one point at the bottom and our families are the other bottom point. God and Christ are at the top and as we both strive to come closer and become like Christ, our families can be strengthened through Christ. That love that we show for each other will increase our love for each other exponentially! I have felt that in my life at home and also my life here at the MTC! My district and zone have become my family and through opportunities to serve them and love them, we are able to bring each other closer to Christ which is our purpose.

Well, this week, we have been able to teach our investigators again, Jacob and Rocio and they are both doing well. We were able to teach Jacob about the Book of Mormon and prayer and taught him how to pray and committed him to try it for himself and we promised that he would receive an answer to any question he had. And I can only promise him that through my own testimony and experience. Rocio is doing good as well, we are not actually going to teach her anymore and instead, we're going to get a new investigator and her name is Irma. She is awesome and we've only had one lesson with her but she seems very open to what we are teaching and I'm excited to be able to teach her more. Spanish is not even a stumbling block and the spirit is able to be in all of our lessons. It's a wonderful experience.

This past Sunday was mission conference and that was awesome as well. We were able to go to mission conference Sunday afternoon, Sunday night devotional, and then Tuesday night devotional. There are so many wonderful speakers that come and teach us. This week we have learned a lot about prayer and testimonies. One thing that really stuck out to me was being able to have a testimony for myself. When we're teaching people, the only thing they will be able to base their testimony off of is my own testimony until they can build their own and then they can continue to help others. Just like in Helaman 5:12, Christ is our rock and our redeemer and that's who we have to base it on and I am only there to show these people we teach where to build their testimony and the how to do that. I am only a tool in which to guide the spirit to testify. And no matter what position you are in, you can as well. It's awesome!

Now I want to tell you just a little bit more about my district and zone. Yesterday was Color Coordinating Wednesday and we all wore a blue tie. Except for Elder Alonzo.... Oh well. And then tomorrow is Black Friday and we're all wearing black ties. Then Saturday is Sweter Sabado! My zone is so close and we're all very close like I have said by coming closer to Christ. The only sad part about the MTC is when the older districts leave for their missions. They are the ones that brought you into the MTC and gave you the best example of how to be great missionaries but they are going to be great missionaries out in the field! I'm happy for them! I'm going to talk to Elder Harper-Smith (from Aunt Denise's ward) and I'm excited to go meet people in Chile that are from Mesa! I do miss all of my friends and family but my new friends and family here are making up for it! I'm so glad Parker has his papers IN!!! That's so exciting!! And what about Kelcie? Wasn't she pretty close as well? It's too bad that I'll be missing them and Alex by a few weeks... There are so many things that I laugh at here and wish that they could know what I'm laughing at too.

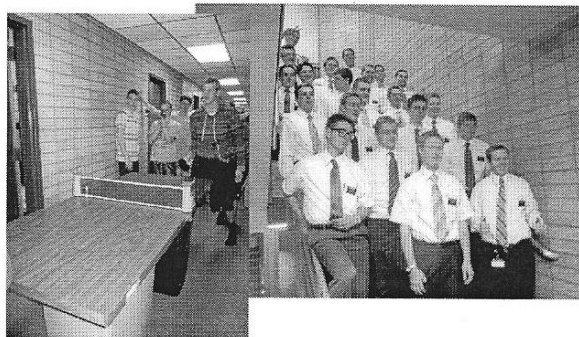
The first picture is of Ping Pong. Elder Shiflet got a ping pong net, balls, and paddles in a package. Another elder on our floor had a screw driver, took off his door and we used it as the table and played for a while! It was so tight! But we could only play for like 10 minutes because it was almost 10:30 and if the security dudes came around and saw that.... let's just say we wouldn't have ping pong anymore.

The other picture is our whole zone who all wore blue ties on Wednesday! It was pretty sweet being able to come together as a zone like this and also, for the rest of the time here, we have some other fine matching days. I think I already said them but I'll just put the pics in that we take next week for the pictures. I'm having a great time learning and doing the work!

I hope everyone back in Mesa is doing great and look forward to hearing from you all!

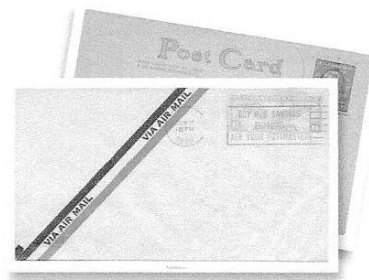
Love,

Elder Hale





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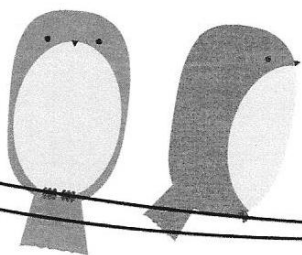


Hello,

We just had a baptism last week. It went really well. We have two new investigators and they are set for baptism at the end of the month. It is a miracle. One of the investigators is a big rig truck driver. He took us for a ride in his 18 wheeler truck. It was awesome. We are teaching a lady and her daughter. We found her when we were out tracting. She had a dream about priesthood authority and she knows that the book of Mormon is true. She is well on her way to the font. It is awesome! We were invited to dinner and they served us chili. It had squirrel meat in it. It was pretty good. Everything is going great here. I am so thankful for the gospel, for the knowledge and testimony that I have of it. Some people are out there looking for it, but know it. I am thankful to be on the Lords errand to find people looking for the truth. I am trying to count my blessings. I noticed that when I am busy counting my blessings I am happier. I love the hymn Count your Blessings. It is wonderful.

Love,

Elder Eyring



## The back page

WELCOME NEW WARD MEMBERS:

KYLE AND BOBBY HAYWOOD  
HOMER AND CONNIE ROGERS  
OLEN, MOLLY, PORTER, LONDON  
AND DAISY REYNOLDS

