

Dana Ward Bishopric

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Dear Dana Ward Family,
School is out for the summer and as families, we look forward to a change in routines and responsibilities and a little R and R. Summers give us a chance to renew bonds between brothers and sisters and parent and child. The responsibilities are constant, but so is the love that sustains us and our families.

Fathers bear a heavy load of responsibility towards their families throughout the year. From the Family Proclamation, we are counseled that "...By divine design, fathers are to preside over their families in love and righteousness and are responsible to provide the necessities of life and protection for their families". These are sacred responsibilities. Satan, in his devised plan to destroy the family seeks to diminish the role of fathers. We see evidence of his success in the world around us. As leaders in the home, fathers plan and sacrifice to achieve the blessing of a unified and happy family. With our partners and wives, we strive to meet the needs of our families and to raise happy, well adjusted and

responsible children. We try to teach correct principles that our children will gain strong testimonies of our Savior, and in turn, become responsible parents themselves. Pres. Ezra Taft Benson said, "Your sacred calling as a father in Israel is your most important calling in time and eternity - a calling from which you will never be released." Jeffrey R. Holland counseled; "Fatherhood is not an easy assignment but it ranks among the most important. We must keep trying, reaching, praying and listening." And finally, J. Richard Clark said; "Satan can never be a husband, father or grandfather. He can never have posterity of his own. He has no eternal kingdom or inheritance. Is it any wonder he so strongly attacks families? Family stands for everything he wants and cannot have."

May I commend the fathers of our ward for the daily efforts each of you make to practice correct principles in raising your children and sharing the responsibilities of parenting with your companion and sweetheart. George Bernard Shaw once said, "Perhaps the greatest social service that can be rendered by anybody to the country and to mankind is to bring up a happy family."

As you labor to provide for them and protect them and maintain a happy and peaceful home and also meet your responsibilities in the Church, may the Lord bless you and keep you.

You are loved. Bishop Richard Hale

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

JUNE

2 Larissa Hunt
2 Darcy Allen
3 Judy Ahlberg
3 Laura Rosenkrans
6 Cassidy Trimble
9 Rosa Rodriguez
9 Kyle Baggett
10 Yvonne Molina
10 Logan Oldner
13 Kerwin Blau
13 Julie Andrade
13 Lavina Herbert
17 Tima Hird
17 Payzlee Hird
18 Matthew Eyring
20 Brandon Boone
20 Conley Martin
20 Darci Schneider
21 Paul Price
22 Jared Eyring
22 Vanessa Zepeda
22 Danny Ivie
23 Helen Fort
23 Trevor Schnepf
24 Daniel Zepeda
24 Daniel Scott
27 Bob Millican
29 Callie Gardiner
30 Renee Edgmon

July

1 Kaler Mehlberg
2 Karen Schnebly
3 Donovan Blau
3 Kylie Hassell
4 Kyndra Hassell
5 Nadia Morello

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(Hopefully we will be able to post information from Justin for the July Newsletter.)

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This past week was wonderful. My new companion is the grandson of Melvin and Denean Beals from my Mesa home ward. We had interviews with President Clark this week which really gave me an added boost and gave me some things to focus on the rest of this transfer and the next. President Clark gave me some great counsel on finishing strong which I was grateful to receive. President Clark reminisced about his own mission and shared some experiences that he had. I always love those moments because you can see in his eyes as he thinks about it that he cherishes those moments of his life. That's the same way I feel about my mission. I'm so excited to experience these next final two months and work as hard as I can because I know that I will re-live every moment for the rest of my life. There never seems to be enough time in the day to do this work! One thing I have been especially grateful for is the way that the Lord has blessed me as I have committed to finish strong. I've been praying so hard for the ability to focus my thoughts better and forget myself and get lost in the work (something that's really hard to do) and he has answered that prayer over and over as I get excited to get back out and work. I love it! Our District traveled to the temple today. I love the temple so much and am excited for a time when I can go as often as I'd like. But that time isn't now and there are other things to focus on. But going to the temple was such a spiritual super charge! It's one of those things that is impossible to describe exactly how it feels, but immediately as I entered the temple it was such a great feeling of peace. Not just peace, though, because at the same time I felt so full of energy and excitement. I want so badly

for the whole world to be able to experience that exact feeling and feel the love of our Heavenly Father in such a powerful and concentrated way...but when they decline. It hurts. All we can do is pray for that one day their hearts will be softened and they can be fortunate enough to experience the joys of the Gospel.

We're teaching a man right now named Chris. He is working toward baptism and was initially going to be baptized this Saturday but it's going to have to wait until the 31st because of Word of Wisdom issues. He's made amazing progress though. In two weeks he went from two packs of cigarettes a day and 3 pots of coffee to yesterday only smoking 5 cigarettes and 3 cups of coffee. So he has made some great changes in his life and we are excited for his baptism.

Anthony, another man we are working with, really surprised us this week when he told us that he was on page 280 of the Book of Mormon. We've only been able to actually visit with him 3 times because his work schedule is pretty hectic, but he reads during all of his breaks and can't put it down. He has a baptismal date set for the 7th of June which we're excited about. He came to church on Sunday and surprised us again by knowing several members. Blessings!

I pray that you have a good week!

Love, Elder Hale

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**Assurance
by Elder Keith H. Hunt**

With trials all around me, I raise my voice in prayer.
I cannot help but wonder if life is really fair.

"Take this blindness from my eyes,
and help me Lord, to see.

Suddenly, I hear a voice. It speaks peace to my mind,
Stitches up my broken heart, and helps me comfort find.
"Have not I always been there, looked after you with care,
And promised to stand by you to help your burdens bear?

I am the Lord, thy God - I will prepare a way.

Fear thou not, my little child." I hear the Father say.
Trials come and trials go, but God is always there.

Through the pain and sorrow too,
He answers every prayer.

Like the sunbeams thru the clouds,
His hope shines down on all.

It gives us the assurance that lifts us when we fall.

I have been transferred to Pittsburg, Ca. and am serving as a Zone Leader. My companion is Elder Daniels, who was my trainer. In our zone is also an Elder I trained and a missionary he trained, so in our own mission lingo, we are 4 generations; grandfather, father, son and grand-son. That doesn't happen too often.

We have had an exciting month here. We have had a stake conference, and Elder Rasband from the Presidency of the 70 came to reorganize the stake and held some training meetings with the missionaries. It was so good! We had interviews with Pres. Beck and he always has good advice for all of us. We had a zone conference with presentations by Pres. Beck and the Assistants to the President.

We have met and are working with some awesome and promising investigators. We were tracting one day and met a man named Juan who was sitting in his car on the side of the road. We visited a bit and asked if we could visit him at his home to teach him a lesson and he asked us when our church meets and if we could drop by his house on Sunday so he could follow us to the building. He gave us his phone number and we called and he did follow us to church. I think he enjoyed it. He is here without his family who are back in Honduras. He seems very humble and ready to hear the gospel. We held a home evening with 3 small families, 2 of which are inactive. They have small kids, so we made kites and flew them at the park and taught them that the commandments are like the kite strings. Although it looks like they hold us back, they actually keep us flying. One little boy thought it would go higher if he let go, so turned loose. It flew over a house and got caught on the roof. The kite continued to stay aloft, but the string was now caught on someone's roof, irretrievable. It turned out to be a good teaching moment.

We had expected to baptize a lady who has been having lessons with her husband. Somehow it had slipped up that they were not married and during her interview, the baptism had to be postponed until they can get married. It offended her husband and he asked the missionaries to not come back to their home. The teaching Elders were devastated and asked for suggestions for mending the misunderstanding. It was Mother's Day week, so an idea popped into our heads and we suggested they make cookies and take them to the couple. They did and no one was home so they left the cookies on the doorstep with a note. When they arrived home, there was a phone message from the husband asking them to call. They did and the husband apologized and asked them to return and continue teaching them as soon as possible. It was a neat experience.

This week is the annual Latino Festival put on by the church at Temple Hill, where the Oakland Temple and Interstake Center is located. All the wards in the mission are going to do some kind of dance and serve native foods. They will have a dance after. We cannot participate in that part, but the event should be a great missionary opportunity for all of the members in the Oakland area.

Love.

Elder Hunt

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My turn in the Mission Office has expired and I am now serving in Chelyabinsk as a zone leader. My companion is Elder Boles, a really good missionary and an extremely hard worker. I am excited but nervous, like always, when I have something new to do. It is still pretty cold here. About 3 weeks ago, it warmed up into the 60s and 70s and we thought summer was coming, but then it dropped to 37 F again.

Easter in Russia, is a pretty big holiday but they hold it on a different date from the States. This year, it was on Apr. 27th where it was in March in the States. It appears that although it is a religious holiday here, most of the population celebrates by getting completely hammered. It is a sad note on such a significant remembrance of the life of our savior.

We found a couple of new investigators last week. As we were out walking, a guy pulled over on the road and told us his son had met with missionaries earlier and he was taking English lessons from them. We invited him to join us for the next lesson. He asked if we could help his son immigrate to America but we told him we couldn't. Thursday night, we were at the church for a meeting and a guy came in and wanted to meet with us. We set up an appointment for the next evening. In the English class, the spiritual thought was on prayer and he had really liked it. So we went to his apartment for a missionary lesson with him and his dad opened the door and it was the guy who had stopped us on the street. The lesson went well and we are hoping they will continue to let us come and teach them. I woke up at 2:30 am back the last day of April. There were loud noises coming from the street. As I went to the window to investigate, there was a huge column of tanks driving down our street. Behind the tanks were some really big army vehicles and then 5 or 6 huge trucks carrying missiles. It was quite strange. I am assuming it was for their May Day parade.

I had to renew my visa so made a trip to Moscow and Estonia. We found a Papa Johns Pizza

place in Moscow and ate there. It was so good to eat real American Pizza again. We got to see Lenin's "grave" on Red Square. It is not really a

grave, he is not buried, just preserved under glass. It was cool to see the old leader of the Soviet Union. We rented bikes, and rode out of the city along the beach to some parks and monuments. I got back to Chely Saturday evening. Yesterday we went to a little city called Miass with a member of the district presidency who needed to do some branch business and then we spoke in Sacrament Meeting. Miass is about 1.5 hours away, if you drive fast.

On Easter, everybody says, "Christ is resurrected" and you are supposed to respond, "In truth, He is resurrected!" On that note, have a great week.
Love - Elder Stradling

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We had some excitement this month. During a missionary district conference, Sister Carmack came and pulled me out of the meeting and told me that she was having trouble with the stove to bake some cookies. As we headed for the kitchen I could tell that she had left the gas on while she came to get me. I knew in my mind that the last thing I wanted to do was turn on the oven. Unfortunately, that's the first thing Sister Carmack did before I could tell her not to. The leaking gas blew up and there was quite a bit of fire but she wasn't burned, just a bit of singed hair. The good news is that the cookies were OK! Then there was the bus episode. There has been a lot of drug traffic going on here in Tijuana which seems to create a lot of violence. As Elder Garcia and I were riding back to our area, an armed man jumped on the bus at a stop, yelled that the driver owed him money and shot and killed the bus driver. The gunman jumped off the bus and into an SUV and he was gone. All of this happened in less than 3 seconds. I was scared to death. Up to that point, I had never witnessed a murder. I had heard about other missionaries having things like that happen to them, but not to me. It was something I'll never forget.

We are teaching an awesome family. They live in very humble circumstances in a single room, run down apartment with dirt floors. They are not well off financially, but they have accepted the gospel and want to get baptized. I love the humble people of Tijuana.

In preparation for President Heyn, the new mission president, I have been making "guides" that include pictures of every missionary in the mission, maps and directions to every chapel and missionary apartment, phone numbers of apartments, stake presidencies, bishoprics etc. It is a lot of work. Saying goodbye to Pres. Carmack will be hard for me personally, but

getting to know and work with President Heyn will be a great opportunity. I'm really excited. I had an awesome experience recently. Elder Hernandez, the area seventy for the mission area, gave Elder Garcia and I a ride to a local stake center. We asked how he came to be a seventy. He said that it was the most humbling and most overwhelming experience of his life. He described the experience in a humorous manner. He said that he was just a normal member of the Church, minding his own business, and he got a phone call from an apostle asking him to be the area seventy over Tijuana. He went to Salt Lake City that April for a conference involving every general authority in the Church. During the conference, Elder Hernandez said that he was extremely touched. Throughout the trainings, talks and discourses given by the apostles and the first presidency, he had received direct revelation from God that President Hinckley was the prophet of God. It wasn't a burning in his bosom nor a still small voice. He had received **knowledge** that Pres. Hinckley was the prophet of God. He said that he no longer had a testimony. I asked myself the question, "How can one testify of Christ if he doesn't have a testimony?" The answer was simple. It had become knowledge. Of course, it is still his calling to testify of Christ. That is why general authorities are special witnesses of Christ. They don't need a testimony because it has become knowledge. Being able to talk with Elder Hernandez for that short period of time was one of the most spiritual experiences that I have had during my mission. I'm so grateful to be a missionary and representative of Jesus Christ. I receive blessings every day and I know that my family is constantly receiving them also. I know that God lives and speaks to us through a living prophet, Thomas S. Monson. I know why I am in the mission. It is to invite all others to come unto Christ preaching the same gospel that He taught while he was here upon the earth. It is a privilege and a blessing to be among the people of Mexico. I have developed a deep love for them, a love that will never diminish. I am thankful for having such a supportive ward and family. I love you all so very much. May God bless each and every one of you. Love, Elder Rogers

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Hello from Hong Kong:
 We got to see the Olympic torch. There were a lot of people in the streets. My companion and I got up on a balcony and watched the runner with the torch go by. It was awesome! We experienced a typhoon. It was a level 3 and mostly just a lot of hard rain. Not too exciting. We didn't feel anything from the earthquake that hit China. I have been made senior companion. We have been busy teaching the Philippine people. We had another baptism last week. We had an awesome p-day! We went to a place called Shek O. It is a little beach village. We had a scavenger hunt, played American football and had a BBQ. The weather was overcast with a light sprinkling. It was a blast. We had a mission conference the other day and they gave out 3 dryers. Our apartment won one of them. We are very excited to have a dryer. Love, Elder Eyring

SPECIAL MISSIONARY NOTE: Caleb Oldner, former member of the Dana Ward and son of **Cris Rogers**, has reported to the Provo MTC (May 28th) to serve in **Restencia, Argentina**. His Grandpa served in that very same mission. He will send us news next month. We wish him well in his training. His address at the MTC is:

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Notes on Dana Ward Folks

Lavonne Perkins got to visit her daughter Lisa and husband Michael Sumner who are serving proselyting missions in London England. Lavonne got to accompany them for 2 weeks and participate in the missionary experience. She says it was wonderful. While there, a Stake Conf. and Mission Training meeting was held and the speaker was D. Todd Christopherson, newest member of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles. Lavonne enjoyed getting to meet him. He shook hands with each of the attending missionaries and visited with Lavonne also. While there, she got well acquainted with the

British transportation system and traveled by bus, tube and train as well as water taxi on the Thames River. Even the Senior Couple missionaries do not have cars to drive and they did a lot of walking. Lavonne got to travel with her children to various assignments and thus got to see many castles, special sites, homes of members and non-members, wards and met many people. Everyone was friendly and helpful. She visited some very ancient cemeteries, Canterbury Cathedral, open air markets, Tower of London (crown jewels), Buckingham Palace and many beautiful city parks and nearby countryside, all of which was green and beautiful. She observed the changing of the guard at the Tower of London in a torrential rain, and loved it! She also got to attend Broadway productions of "The Lion King", "Sound of Music" and "Mama Mia". Since Lisa and Michael began their mission service, Michael's mother and Lisa's father passed away and their two daughters became engaged and married. Somehow, they survived all of it. Michael served as interim Bishop in their assigned ward and Lisa substituted as RS Pres. while the official president was out of the country attending to a family illness. Among their many assignments, they also learned all about the Christmas Lighting system for the Mesa temple (via phone and e-mail) and helped design, implement and purchase all the necessary lights and ornaments for the first Christmas Lighting for the London Temple grounds this past Christmas season. As unbelievable as it sounds, the oldest Sumner daughter, newly married, is now living in London, about 6 blocks from the Sumners, because her husband's company assigned him to work there for 18 months. They lend support to their parent's missionary efforts. The Sumner's son, Tanner, lives here in Mesa and has been a blessing to Lavonne, helping her with repairs, love and support since the November passing of her husband, Bruce (Perk). Because Lavonne has been a participating member of the ward for many years and has assisted with many service projects and ward functions, most of us may not know that Lavonne is not-yet baptized. She is a marvelous woman and though still adjusting to the loss of her dear husband, she is strong and learning to manage her emergencies and blessings, as they come. We love you Lavonne!

Jerry Marshall, husband of **Carol Marshall**, passed away on May 5th and was buried in Utah. Carol has completed her chemo treatments here and has moved to Price, Utah to live near family members. She expressed her gratitude to all the ward members who have been so kind and helpful during the illness of she and her husband.

NEW MEMBERS: **Michael Root** is living with his brother **Jess Root** (the younger) and family until the new house of **Jess** and family is completed and they can move to **Gilbert** (4 mo.). **Michael** is buying their home in the ward, so will be a permanent member of the **Dana Ward Family**. **Michael** sang in a male quartet in a recent Sac. Meeting. As a ward, we enjoyed that number very much. The other handsome young man that shares a pew with the **Roots** on Sundays is **Joseph Ruesch**, **Cam's** brother. **Joseph** actually lives in **Phoenix**, but doesn't know anyone there and has enjoyed visiting our ward for meetings. Welcome back to **Lavina Herbert** who has returned to the ward. Also, her daughter, **Christy Ward** and **Christy's** 2 sons, **Charles**, 21 and **Clark**, 16. Their address is 59 S. Lazona #9. We have missed **Lavina** and welcome her, **Christy** and their young men, into the **Dana Ward Family**. **Lavina** is going thru some health problems and would appreciate our prayers in her behalf.

New Converts to the Church and now full members of the Ward Family are **Jessica Harbina**, **Ron Johnson** and **Tyler Sandberg**. Welcome Home!

Willa Stago has moved into the ward and is living at 2330 E. Broadway. **Willa** is a member of the San Carlos Apache Indian Tribe and served a full time mission (some years ago) in Alberta, Saskatchewan, Canada. She was born in Thatcher but spent many years on the San Carlos Reservation where her father served as the Branch Pres. She has no children but she does have 4 brothers and 10 sisters. She loves to cook and enjoys doing bead work. **Derrick and Darci Schneider** have moved into an apartment at 62 S. Barkley #4. **Nereida Flores** has moved into 1955 E. 2nd Ave. Welcome to the **Dana Ward Family**! BRAVO!

Chris and Katy Smelser have moved from their apartment into a home at 1922 E. Nielson, where **Pete** and **Amelia Smith** lived before they moved to **Case Grande**.

Congratulations to **Michelle Unga** who graduated from ASU with her teaching certificate and has just been given a teaching contract for this fall with the Chandler School Dist. grade 4. SUPER!

Tonya Whiting Scott will graduate from Midwestern University June 6th with a medical degree. She will be doing 3 more years to develop a medical specialty. Wonderful Accomplishment Tonya. Congratulations!

Anne Berryman is justifiably delighted with some recent accomplishments of 2 of her adult sons. **Ben**, who resides with his family in Wisconsin, just recently completed his residency and graduated from medical school in Wisconsin and is now a certified physician in the field of phlebotomy (blood and tissue). He also has been awarded a one year fellowship to do further studies in his field in Albuquerque. Ben is married and has 4 children. Son **Seth**, is a commissioned officer in the US Air Force (2nd Lt.). Seth just completed intensive training in California in an area related to the Air Force Space Program and is returning to his family of wife and 3 daughters in Colorado. Smart kids Anne, but we are going to give you some credit too!

Kimball and Mariah Rogers won special music awards at the end of the school year at Wilson Elementary. Kimball plays cello and was given the "Most Valuable Player" and the "Best Fiddler" Awards. Kimball also was awarded a special Citizenship award. Mariah plays the viola and was given the award for the "Best Tone" (on her viola) and was recognized for having earned the most cookies during the year! Sounds delicious!

Special tribute to **Kevin Hale** who recently turned 14, was ordained a Teacher and also has earned his **Duty to God Award**. Kevin also had a "close encounter" with some asphalt but survived the experience! Congratulations on all of your accomplishments Kevin!

Renle Hird was a mermaid in Robson School's production of "The Little Mermaid". She made a beautiful mermaid. **Alyce Turner** was in a play at Taylor Jr. Hi entitled "Operation Now" Nice Job!

The following Dana Ward Kids were inducted into the **Taylor Jr. High National Jr. Honor Society**. They were recognized for their character, scholarship, leadership, service, citizenship and friendship; the aims of the society. They are; **Brandon Boone, Courtney Eyring, Kendra**

Hassell, Larissa Hunt and Alyce Turner. **Kevin Hale** is already a member. **Courtney** got a Citizenship Award and was recognized as the Outstanding Business/Computer student. **Alyce** also was given an "Outstanding Citizenship" award. **Kevin** was awarded the Principal's Award.

Jessica Hale was inducted into the Mesa High National Honor Society. WAHOO!

Congratulations to the **High School Graduating Seniors** from this past month: **Kylie Hassell, Kelcie Schnepf, Aubree Stradling, Mark Driggs, Matthew Eyring, Joshua Miller, John Pace, Isaac Standage and Danny Zepeda**. **Mark Driggs** graduated as the Class Valedictorian from Sequoia High School (as did his sister last year).

Students **Graduating from Seminary** are:

Mark Driggs, Matthew Eyring, Kylie Hassell, Jon Pace, Kelcie Schnepf, Isaac Standage, and Aubree Stradling. TERRIFIC!

Kylie Hassell and Aubree Stradling both graduated in the Top 20 of their class at Mesa High School. That means Dana Ward had 10% in the Top 20! **Kylie and Aubree also earned full scholarships** to NAU where they will be room mates their Freshman year. **Mark Driggs** is planning to attend BYU Idaho for 1 semester before he turns in his mission papers. As a ward, we are so proud of all of these young people and their accomplishments! **FANTABULOUS!**

Brandon Boone is a member of the Taylor Jr. High Band and recently made a trip with them to Disneyland where they played in the Main Street Parade. Brandon has been playing the flute for 3 years now. SWEET!

Ben Standage recently performed a fantastic piano solo at a recital, which he composed himself. It was beautiful. Ben does not read music - just composes and plays! You are extremely talented Ben!

Lou Hunt has accepted a new teaching assignment at the "North Campus" of the

Montessori School at Gilbert and Adobe. She starts when classes resume in the fall.

Yvonne Molina is still working her way through all the red tape involving the loss of her home to fire, back in April. Thanks to all the ward members and current neighbors and old neighbors who came to her aid and assisted with sorting and cleanup. Besides the heartache, there were many "Tender Mercies" extended by some very caring and compassionate people. THANK YOU TO ALL OF YOU!

There is a new Sister in the ward – **Bonnie Jackson**. We couldn't help noticing the amazing resemblance to **Bonnie Potter** whom we have all known and loved for years. Bonnie has returned to her name with her first husband. In any case, we love and cherish her by either name! (She will answer to both by the way!)

Arliss Ellsworth is recovering from her broken hip and would love for it to be faster, but she is trying to be patient. She is being cared for at Golden Age Care Home, 2705 E. Emelita (632-0614). It is a private home, just around the corner from Julie and Dallas Peterson's home. Arliss gets therapy 3 days a week. She can use a walker and a wheelchair, but needs to regain a lot more strength yet. We miss you Arliss!

Marinda Hunt and **Becca Stark** are home for the summer, from college.

Brian and Jennifer Mehlberg continue to pray and hope for miracles for their baby **Kanon** born March 3rd. Kanon and Mom, Jennifer, are at the Tucson Medical Center for about 4 weeks, staying in the Ronald McDonald House, while Kanon continues to respond positively to the bone marrow transplant. Apparently, it was very successful! WAHOO! Jennifer would love to hear from ward members to help her pass the time. Her address is:

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She also has a blog site where she is posting Kanon's daily progress: bjmehlberg.blogspot.com

Brian's mother is staying with the kids during the school week and takes them home with her to Payson each week-end. Thank Goodness for special Grandmas at times like this!

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Dolores Barnum got to spend 4 hrs at home on Mother's Day. WAHOO! She is well from all the nasty infections she had and is concentrating now on the constant potential of pneumonia because of her swallowing problems. Hopefully, she will be able to come home this week.

Bob Millican is also battling health problems. We offer lots of encouragement and love to him.

The Dastrups have survived a series of major health crisis issues and are happy to report that all of them seem to be on the road to recovery. Their **son Tom**, had successful brain surgery last Oct. **Daughter, Denette** had major back surgery in April in California so Edwina went to stay with her to help for a few weeks. During her stay, Edwina developed double pneumonia and had to spend a week there in the hospital. **Bro. Dastrup** was going to fly up and bring her home after her initial recovery but got really ill and was rushed to the hospital here, with a bunch of blood clots. His doctors installed a filter to catch any clots before they can enter his lungs. **Daughter, Julie** is struggling with a shoulder problem, but flew up to bring her Mom home and they ended up having to sit on the plane for 5 hours while an engine was repaired. But, at last, all were safely home. **Daughter Sandra** came down from Canada to take care of everyone and had to be rushed to a Gilbert hospital for an emergency appendectomy so **daughter Susan** came down from Idaho to serve as family nurse. As it stands right now, at last check, the Dastrups are all functioning under their own power and we hope it stays that way! We just hope they got a "family discount"!

Joe and Mickey O'Barr recently got to visit the Timpanogos Utah temple to attend the wedding and reception of a grand daughter. They loved the family gathering and special occasion but you'll have to ask Mickey about the "excitement" of trying to use an expired temple recommend! For full details of the occasion, see the web site: danaward.org Thanks for sharing Joe!

The Stradling family is moving to another Mesa ward right after Girl's Camp. **Lonnie Halls** and her son **Kyle**, have moved out of the ward and will be living with her oldest son, Kevin. **Heidi Miller** has moved to Michigan to

live with her sister. We will miss these families but wish them well in their new locations.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

The **stage musical, "1856"** will run June 27th through July 5th at the Mesa Arts Center. See the website, "1856themusical.com" for more details. This production portrays the 1856 Handcart Companies and is very well done. This is a program you can take your entire family to see.

The Stake is holding **Family History Classes** on the following **Thursdays** thru August, to teach us various aspects of gathering our family history. Come to as many or few as you like. Classes held in the **High Council Room of our building, 7 to 8 pm**. Call Christine Martin (835-6396) for more information.

June Classes:

5th "Entering Data into PAF"

19th "How to Search the Internet"

26th "Making Sense of Census Records"

July 10th "Vital Records"

June 20 is Stake Temple day. Plan to attend any session that will work for you. If you have any names that need to be processed for temple work, please get them to Chris Martin by June 15. She would love to help you find some names.

Three new temples for Arizona have been announced for Gilbert (SE corner of Pecos/Greenfield), Thatcher and West Phoenix (Sites not announced yet). YEAH for Arizona!

Thursday, June 5th is **Ward Temple day/night**. An ice cream social will be held after the 6 pm session (abt. 8:30 pm) at the Martinez home (2460 E. Alpine). Everyone attending are invited to bring their favorite ice cream topping.

The LDS "Beehive" newspaper has a free weekly e-mail service to provide listings and dates of activities appropriate for family attendance and participation. If interested, you can sign up at cecily@cecilymarkland.com

The Dana Ward will be sponsoring a free performance by the musical group,

"E11even" at our own cultural hall Tuesday, June 24th at 7 PM. The group consists of a father and mother and their 9 children. They compose their own music and sing about love, home and family. Spread the word and feel free to bring friends and extended family. This will be a special evening of entertainment!

Our Bishopric has introduced the **STOMP** program and challenged the youth of the ward to **read the Book of Mormon** before school starts again in the fall. They invite the rest of the ward to join them. A reading schedule chart is available from the Clerk's office for those who wish to use them. If you follow the chart, you will be finished by August 10th! Also see the attached calendar for timed reading guidelines. Hey! This will also reinforce our Gospel Doctrine course of study for the year of 2008.

Elder's Quorum

Pres. Dustin Redd 834-7788

1st Couns. Paul Allen 733-4339

2nd Couns.

Secretary Loni Unga 275-4414

We thought **Dustin** got his calling because he owned a pick-up, but apparently, he also uses it for his air conditioning business which is called, **DR Air & Electric**. Dustin has 15 years experience in refrigeration and 3 years with his own business. We appreciate these Ward Elders.

Relief Society

Pres. Cris Rogers 695-4370

1 Couns Melissa Standage 964-1685

2 Couns MaryAnn Kaberry 835-3973

Sec Karisa Budge 610-6407

We are delighted to welcome **Mary Ann Kaberry** as the new 2nd Counselor in the RS Presidency. She replaces **Lonnie Halls** who has moved.

The SISTERS of the ward would like to thank the BRETHREN of the ward for the "**Mr. Goodbars**" that were presented to them on **Mother's Day!** The

significance of the name association was duly noted and appreciated! **HAPPY FATHER'S DAY** to all the Dads and "Priesthood Bears" on June 15th and **THANK YOU** for all the many things you do and have done for the rest of us throughout the year!

The Relief Society organization would like to welcome our newest three members (from Young Women). **Kelcie Schnepf** is planning to attend classes at MCC and also a local beauty college. Kelcie enjoys photography as a hobby and works at Ned's Crazy Sub. **Aubrey Stradling** absolutely loves music and plans to major in music. **Kylie Hassell** plans to major in Education and enjoys dance, scrap booking and reading. Welcome to Relief Society girls!

June RS Lesson Schedule:

June 1 - "3 Goals to Guide You"
June 8 - #11, "The Organization & Destiny of the True & Living Church"
June 15 - #12, "Proclaim Glad Tidings to all the World"
June 22 - "The Only True God and Jesus Christ Whom He Hath Sent", by Elder Holland
June 29 - Combined with Priesthood

ENRICHMENT ACTIVITIES

Cooking Class: Mondays @ 9:30am @ the Storehouse. June 2: Baking Powder & Baking Soda. June 9: Finance. June 16: Dry Pack. June 23: How to substitute ingredients. June 30: Cooking with kids-5 and up.

Quiet Book Call Cheeri Redd for details. 834-7788.

Senior Single Sister's FHE Mon, June 16, 5:30 pm @ home of Helen Fort. (969-1810)

Book Group June 30, 11 am, @ home of Violet Rogers. Book: "The Peacegiver" by James L. Ferrell

Temple Session (ward-June 5, 6pm), Thurs. June 19. 10 a.m. session, lunch @ 12pm @ temple cafeteria.

Kid's Play Group: each Wed @ 10 am @ Silvergate Park (S. of Pueblo on Briar)(until it gets too hot)

Young Women

Pres. Arlyce Reynolds 615-1628

1st Counselor Lou Hunt 833-4867
2nd Counselor Janet Hassell 969-4276
Secretary Yolanda Zepeda 834-4469

The **Youth Stake Pioneer Trek** has now been rescheduled for **January 1, 2, and 3, 2009**. The Youth will Trek the Mormon Battalion Trail and camp out New Year's Eve. **AWESOME!** A Stake Youth Fireside to kick-off the event with an evening of information, will be held **June 29th**.

Girls Camp will be June 10th thru 14th at Camp Lo Mia near Payson. Lots of fun and opportunities for outdoors activities and learning in the cool pines.

APRIL/MAY CALENDAR

June 4 All Mutual Activity-Swim & BBQ @ Allen home

June 11 Girls will be at camp all week!

June 18 Class Activities

June 25 All-girl Activity

PRIMARY

President Kim Hale 834-3041

1st Couns Naomi Morales 218-5887

2nd Couns Elizabeth Stark 964-7754

Secretary Erika Payne 967-1101

Sunday Assignments

June Theme: The Temple is a blessing for me and my family.

June Scripture: "And verily I say unto you, let this house be built unto my name, that I may reveal mine ordinances therein unto my people." (D&C 124:40)

6th Article of Faith: "We believe in the same organization that existed in the Primitive Church, namely, apostles, prophets, pastors, teachers, evangelists, etc." Be sure to practice this one!

June 1:

O. Prayer: Isaac Root

Scripture: Joseph Standage

Talk: Kimball Rogers

Art. of Faith: #6 Chris Germany

C. Prayer: Kyle O'Bryant

June 8:

O. Prayer: Rhett Hird

Scripture: Mariah Rogers

Talk: Shelby Standage

Art of Faith #6 Lauren Eyring

C. Prayer: Spencer Nichols

June 15:

O. Prayer: Salesi Morello

Scripture: Kaia Mehlberg

Talk: Cole Montgomery

Article of Faith #6 Donovan Blau

C. Prayer: Payzlee Hird

June 22:

O. Prayer: Audrey Redd

Scripture: Noelia Root

Talk: Kelly Eyring

Art of Faith #6 Jared Nichols

C. Prayer: Mason Redd

Class Presentation: CTR 5 & Valiant 9

June 29:

O. Prayer: Diego Root

Scripture: Jordan Gardiner

Talk: Parker Hird

Article of Faith #6 Samantha Montgomery

C. Prayer: Benjamin Shope

FAMILY CANNING

Closed for extensive remodeling, the Mesa Family Canning facility will open again in July. There will be new procedures. You will pay for the items you can AFTER you can them. Only certain items will be available each month to can and these will rotate and come around again every 3 months. (See schedule below.) Red wheat, rice, pinto beans and quick oats will always be available in cases of 6, #10 cans, at the center. Questions? Call Linette Morris 962-8221.

Canning Schedule for July – September

July: Milk, reg. oats, macaroni & carrots.

August: potato flakes, fruit drink mix, sugar, black beans and rice.

September: White beans, refried beans, cocoa, flour and onions.

Alternatives to Stake Canning Day

- 1st & 3rd Fridays each month from 5-7 pm

- You must call and make an appointment for your family. The Mesa Storage Center's number is 480-214-9114.
- You can buy prepackaged storage items at the cannery, see above list.

MARGIN NOTES:

Sorrow shared, is halved. Joy shared, is doubled.
(Clyde Ransom from SS Class)

Man and God are all of the same race and it is within the power of a righteous man to become like his Father. Bruce R. McConkie

Honor thy Father and thy Mother that their days may be long upon the earth. Mosaic Law

Great Fathers lead their children to Christ.
Ezra Taft Benson

It takes quite a dad to look beyond the actions of Boyhood and see the potential of Manhood and even more important, for him to get a glimpse of eternity. H. Burke Peterson.

My heroes are my parents. I can't see any reason for having anyone else as my heroes.
Michael Jordan

The greatest gift I ever had came from God, and I call him Dad! Anonymous

There's nothing that can help you understand your beliefs more than trying to explain them to an inquisitive child. Frank A. Clark

Discipline doesn't break a child's spirit half as often as the lack of it breaks a parent's heart.
Anonymous

It behooves a father to be blameless if he expects his child to be. Homer

Few things help an individual more than to place responsibility upon him and to let him know that you trust him. Booker T. Washington

The God who made your children will hear your petitions. After all, He loves them more than you do. James Dobson

Is prayer your steering wheel or your spare tire?
Corrie Ten Boom

You have a lifetime to work, but children are only young once. Polish Proverb

Don't be discouraged if your children reject your advice. Years later, they will offer it to their own offspring. Anonymous

Teaching a child to ride a bicycle is hard. A shaky child on a bike for the first time needs both support and freedom. The realization that this is what the child will always need is the hardest part or all.
Sloan Wilson

A man never stands as tall as when he kneels to help a child. Knights of Pythagoras

Father's Day Independence Day

God made fathers to stand by our side,
To inspire us in every endeavor,
Whose faith and devotion
will last thru our lives
And whose love
we will cherish forever.
Anonymous

Behold what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God. 1 John 3:1

Mother Nature wisely gives us twelve years to develop a love for our children before turning them into teenagers. Anonymous

By the time a man realizes that maybe his father was right, he usually has a son who thinks he's wrong. Charles Wadsworth

Any kid will run any errand for you if you ask at bedtime! Red Skelton

Fatherly advice heard before disposable diapers; Spread the diaper in the position of the diamond with you at bat. Fold 2nd base down to home and set the baby on the pitcher's mound. Put 1st base and 3rd together and bring up home plate and pin the 3 together. Of course, in case of rain, you gotta call the game and start all over. Jimmy Piersal

Because of space, we sometimes have much more wonderful material than we can print. That is true this month. Additional material may be read on the ward website found at:
www.danaward.org Password is tiger. Click on Newsletters, then June 2008.

Arrived too late to enter into the printed Newsletter, but too good to miss.

Submitted by Joe O'Barr. Notes on he and Mickey's trip to participate in a grand daughter's wedding in Utah.

Wedding of Hannah Leah O'Barr and Michael Joseph Romney

The O'Barr/Romney families were well represented at the Mt. Timpanogas Temple for the wedding of Hannah Leah O'Barr and Michael Joseph Romney on May 2, 2008. All four sets of Grandparents were in attendance as well as the Parents of Hannah and Mike. Many Aunts, Uncles and cousins traveled from out of state to attend. The wedding ceremony was very special and beautiful. The bride and groom crying at its conclusion, and the joy of the moment caused many in attendance to shed tears also.

The temple, a gleaming white edifice set at the base of Mt. Timpanogas, is quite awe-inspiring. At this time of the year, the mountains are white as well, right down to the valley floor where the snow was now gone. At first, the temple blended in to the mountain vista as we arrived and we were right there at the temple before we realized it. A myriad of flowering trees of many colors surrounded the grounds and vied for their share of attention. After the wedding, we walked around the temple grounds and pictures were taken. The thick carpet of green grass on which we walked presented an interesting contrast to the snowy mountains.

A Luncheon hosted by the parents of the groom, followed in a lovely old building, which had at one time been an LDS chapel. It had been remodeled to accommodate festivities such as ours. The food was delicious and the service was excellent. Following the luncheon and after a short rest, it was back to their Lehi Ward Building for the reception.

The receiving line began at 6:30 p.m. and continued past the 8:30 projected closing time. The decorations in the cultural hall of the Lehi Ward were so clever and elegant, that one would tend to forget that basketball games were ever held in that venue. Hannah's Dad had extended an octagon shaped metal frame about 4 ft across between the two

basketball standards, which were folded flat against the ceiling. It seemed to float like a huge chandelier in the middle of the room. Candelabra lights were strung around the frame and wide strips of tulle draped from the frame to the walls all around the room. Hannah's Mom had set up a black and white moveable Picture gallery on all the walls of pictures that were taken that morning at the Temple. Antique lanterns with battery-powered candles, pink flowers, pink tulle and ribbons graced each table and were repeated on the refreshment tables.

The wedding cake was white with black ribbons around the base of each layer and was topped with pink flowers. Under the frosting, the cakes were pink and dark chocolate. There was pink lemonade to drink and miniature fruit tortes as well as nuts and cake.

Did I mention the Bride's color scheme was pink and black? This was different, but was carried out elegantly throughout the room. In a tasteful way, even with the bridal party. The two mothers and older bride's maids wore black and the young flower girls wore pink. The men wore black suits with white shirts and pink ties.

Those attending on Hannah's side of the family were: Grandma and Grandpa O'Barr, Grandma and Grandpa Lunt and Laura's brothers

and sister, Cathy and Miranda Coulter, Martha, Terrence and Connor Morgan, Mike, Debbie and Stephen O'Barr, Sam O'Barr. Jeana Smith came with her three daughters, Laurie and husband, Julie, Angie and children. Other cousins who came were: Dale Masterson, Spencer and Desiree, Vanessa and Jesse Bills and Alek, Kimberly and Derek Walker and Dallas. We were pleasantly surprised when our good friends Robert and Diana Williams, former members of the 19th Ward, showed up. We had a great time catching up on all the news of our two families and members of our ward since they moved to Utah several years ago.

Jana and Calista O'Barr had been there all week preparing the wedding cake and assisting with other refreshments and decorations. Fawn and young Jack arrived two days before the wedding to assist as well and Tamara came over from BYU to help. It was the end of the semester and she would be going home with Jana after the wedding.

All and all it was a beautiful experience long to be remembered. The newly weds spent their first night in Park City where the Winter Olympics were held in 2002.

May this union last for eternity!

P.S. Mickey now knows one should always know the expiration date on one's Temple Recommend—because it can expire even in route to a Temple wedding in Utah.

YOUNG MEN

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1st Couns. Trent Payne 967-1101
2nd Couns. Lance McGraw 699-0723
Sec. Conley Martin 313-7194

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