

Dana Ward Bishopric

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Happy Birthday!

JUNE 2009

- 9 Rosa Rodriguez
- 10 Logan Oldner
- 13 Kerwin Blau
- 13 Julie Andrade
- 13 Lavena Herbert
- 14 Kim Brown
- 16 Wes Filhart
- 17 Tima Hird
- 17 Payzlee Hird
- 18 Matthew Eyring
- 20 Brandon Boone
- 20 Conley Martin
- 20 Darci Schneider
- 21 Kevin Price
- 22 Jared Eyring
- 22 Danny Ivie
- 22 Ann Cherrington
- 23 Helen Fort
- 23 Trevor Schnepf
- 23 Camillia McGraw
- 24 Daniel Zepeda
- 24 Dan Oliver
- 27 Bob Millican
- 29 Callie Gardiner

July 2009

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

A Father's Day Note:

Recently, a ward Relief Society with a large number of widows, invited the Laurels to participate with the women of the ward in a week of a "Secret Sister" project, whereby the sisters were matched up with another sister or girl in the ward for whom they would do a minimum of 4 thoughtful acts of kindness and recognition. Somehow, one of the sisters misunderstood and thought she had been assigned the mother of a family when she actually had been matched with the teen daughter. That mother, by mid-week, had received several sweet and thoughtful acts of kindness, from 2 secret sisters, while her 17 year old daughter had received nothing. The daughter had joined enthusiastically in thinking of and doing several things for her secret sister and her mother noted that the daughter was quietly disappointed that she had not received any like kindnesses. The mother mentioned the oversight to her husband. The next morning, on their doorstep, were several thoughtful items for the daughter, along with a sweet note which also included an apology from the 'Secret Sister' explaining she had been out of town. The teenager was delighted with the sweet note and the small thoughtful gifts and hummed happy tunes all the way to school. The wise mother, however, was well aware that her husband had gone out during the night to remedy the problem and ensure his daughter's feeling of being loved. Thank you to Fathers who perform so many thoughtful tasks to resolve both large and small issues with those for whom they are responsible. We appreciate so much, the burdens you carry in our behalf and the efforts you make to be thoughtful and considerate of your family members and others. May you have a well deserved 'Happy Father's Day'!

Missionary Mailbox

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I have moved to Macau which is a peninsula about 30 miles west of Hong Kong. It's pretty much a tourist mecca. Our apartment is on the top (6th) floor, which we are enjoying. We go back to Hong Kong about once a week for zone meetings and conferences and we go to the temple. We travel there on a turbo boat that lifts out of the water on skis. We have a couple of investigators we are working with. One sister has a four year old son. She loves to come to church with her son. We are also teaching a young man in his 20's. He likes what we are teaching him and has started coming to church. He has some things he has to overcome but he is making the changes. We had a black rain and had to stay inside most of the day. When we were able to go out, we went to the church and found it flooded. It wasn't serious damage but there was water everywhere.

My time over here in Hong Kong is almost up. I will be released from my mission on June 26th. I am grateful for the opportunity I have had to be able to serve the Lord. I know the gospel is true, no matter what language it is taught in. I look forward to speaking in sacrament meeting at home on July 12th. Love, Elder Eyring

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Dear Family - I want you to know that I love you all. You have touched my heart in so many ways. Thanks for the e-mails and constant support.

Here's a little Argentina fact: 60% of all Argentinians drive motorcycles or mo-peds. Only 40% drive cars or trucks.

I love Belgrano. It is a hard area but the branch members are helping us a lot more than they were earlier. I have had such a good companion. Elder Ramos knows so much Spanish and is helping me. He

is transferring to Formosa which is about 9 hours away. My new companion Elder Rodriguez, is from Uruguay. Pres. has called me to be the Sr. Companion. It is a little scary taking on the new responsibilities. We have some 'studdly' investigators right now. They are Luis and Rita Ayala. They have come to church 3 times and have set a baptismal date. They are so enthusiastic they are also sharing the gospel with a neighbor. We have taught her and she is also looking for a new path to follow in her life. Elder Rodriguez and I have incorporated a change in teaching the message of the restoration. The Book of Mormon part is at the end of the lesson and people tend to lose interest towards the end, so we have moved that part to the beginning of the lesson and it seems to be working well so far. Elder Rodriguez has been out about 5 months but he still has that new missionary spirit and he is motivating me as well.

I just passed birthday 20 and my half way mark of my mission. So far - so good! Now if I can just hang in there for the 2nd half. I surely did enjoy the Mother's Day call home. Love - Elder Oldner

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Things are going well here on Guam. We feel good about an investigator that seems to be making good progress. He has made a personal commitment to quit smoking and drinking. He has been an investigator off and on for over 6 years but seems to be making real progress recently. We knock on a lot of doors, but do not pick up a lot of new people to work with. Elder Harris and I get asked a lot of strange questions from time to time but he always seems to come up with an answer. I haven't read Pres. Kimball's book, "The Miracle of Forgiveness" but Elder Harris quotes from it often as we teach. We are still working with a Chuukese couple and we had a baptism in the other elder's area last week. They are a

Chumorro couple. They got married and baptized the same day. It was a really good and spiritual event.

Although there is something to be said for the stability of our lives, we got transfers this week and I am being transferred to Yigo (pronounced Gigo). I have been working on the south end of the island and Yigo is the northernmost area of Guam near the U.S. Air Force base. My new companion will be an Elder Frogget. Transfers always bring the possibility of having to learn a new language, but my new area is still English speaking. I had a nice surprise last week. I got a letter from Mark Driggs. The members take good care of us (feeding us). I like most of what they feed us. I have had something with shrimp in it that seemed a bit strange and someone served us soup not long ago that I'm pretty sure contained dog as a surprise ingredient, but I didn't ask. Most of the recreational activities here for people and our branch in particular, seems to be going to the beach. They don't have a lot of choices to choose from. The Church is true! I love you guys!
Love - Elder Standage

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Elder Douglass has completed his MTC training period and his visa arrived just in time for his scheduled departure to Culiacan on June 1st. He is excited about finally getting into the mission field and anxious to get his first assignment and meet his first companion. His departure came just in time to avoid the outbreak of the H1N1 virus that has hit the MTC in Provo. Leaders are trying to quickly isolate flu cases and avoid spreading the 'bug'. There are 7 confirmed cases, and several more suspected, but everyone seems to be recovering quickly.

A Missionary Moment: In Mormon history, Samuel Smith left a copy of the Book of Mormon with Phineas Green, which was later found by his

cousin, Brigham Young, thereby resulting in his conversion to the church. He later became the second president of the church and led the pioneers west. Be brave about sharing the gospel. You never know who you might influence for good.

Getting to Know You

Johnny and Pat Martinez now have her older son, **Henry Silva**, living with them. Henry is job hunting right now. We are delighted to have him in our Ward Family!

Spencer and Dawna Bury have purchased a home in the Dana Ward at 2135 E. Birchwood (phone 480-298-0562). Although the parents seem like nice people and a welcome addition to the ward family, the real socialite in their family is 6 month old **Jaidyn** who has a million dollar smile for anyone and everyone who will look her way! She is adorable! We have nicknamed her 'Sunshine'.

Spencer grew up in Barstow, Calif. and Dawna grew up in Mesa and graduated from Westwood High School. After filling a Spanish speaking mission in Richmond, Va., Spencer was dating a young lady who introduced him to her cousin, which happened to be Dawna. The rest was 'history' and they were married in the Mesa Temple Nov. 1, 2007. Spencer grew up as the middle child of a family of 9 children, likes to play tennis and do back packing and enjoys singing in choirs. He is a student at MCC, working towards a Business Degree and works full time as a technician with a dental ceramic lab, making crowns and implants. Dawna is the middle child of a family of 7 kids and sang in the MCC choir and although rusty, still owns her viola from school days and would like to polish up those playing skills again when she finds time. She is a 'stay-at-home-mom'. As a

couple, they enjoy playing card games with their extended families and both agreed that they are 'movie' people. The Bury family moved to our ward from the Mesa 60th ward, near Gilbert and University where they were team teachers in Primary. They are excited to have been able to purchase their 1st home and we are happy to have them in the Dana Ward Family. They live across the street from the David Morales family.

We have a brand new couple in the ward that may look a little familiar to most of us. **Michael and Taylor Hale** will be living in our ward for a good part of the summer, at 2346 E. Capri. Michael and Taylor were married May 22nd. Taylor grew up in Lewiston, Idaho and has attended one year at BYU. She plans to transfer to ASU in Tempe and is majoring in Business Communication. She has played the harp since age 9. She loves the harp but finds it a little difficult to lug around for performances, so prefers sharing her singing and piano skills. She is hoping to establish a Piano Lesson Practice and is looking for students. (208-305-9922) Michael is the son of Kim and Bishop Hale and filled a Spanish Speaking mission to Spokane, Washington. He is majoring in Business Finance at ASU and is employed at Insight Enterprises. We are excited to have this young couple as part of our Ward Family, even if only for a short time!

Notes on Dana Ward Folks

Joe O'Barr has a new battery in his pacemaker and had some eye problems fixed. Joe says he is good for another 20 years or 50,000 miles, whichever comes first!

Congratulations to **Dale and Violet Rogers** who recently celebrated their 40th wedding

anniversary. Violet says they are living proof that "OPPOSITES" can successfully live together!

Nice to have **Helen Fort** home and recovering well from her medical adventures. Nice to see her back in meetings again too.

Brother Luis Rivera has been recovering from recent knee surgery and has now been able to return to work. Luis tore a ligament in his knee while moving into their home in the ward. We were going to tell you he injured it doing something really exciting or sports related but decided it was pretty heroic of him to get his entire family moved into our ward so we can enjoy getting to know all of the Rivera Bunch! Hope your knee is soon at 100%!

Connor Morgan has survived the recent removal of his wisdom teeth. (NOTE: We think Connor is still pretty smart!)

Audrey Burklund's house is a medical clinic at the moment. Daughter, **Tammie Rosencrans** is recovering from back surgery and daughter, **Laura** is working her way through some disk problems in her neck. **Audrey** is having a knee replacement on June 9th. Special prayers for these 3 ladies while they recuperate and mend.

Al and Joyce Berry have a new PT Cruiser in their driveway! Joyce is delighted that the Social Security Offices have declared her "Not Dead"!

Wally and Cora Burgess have just added Great Grandchild #16 to their family circle. Pretty Terrific!

Jon and Dawn Nichols, Chris Martin, Floy Johnson, Neal Chapman, Rod Boone and the Mehlbergs, are eating fresh vegetables from their backyard gardens. WAHOO for their green thumbs! Need Help getting started? --- Check out the Enrichment Gardening Class thru the RS.

BABYSITTING WANTED!

Carol Ransom, age 17, is looking for a summer babysitting job. She is offering the **first day or night FREE OF CHARGE** and has lots of experience and has

CPR Training. She has NOT lost a single child so far! Carol is a Senior at Horizon High School in Scottsdale and will graduate next May. She prefers children age 3 and above but is willing to take one time, weekly or summer positions. She is the daughter of Clyde Ransom. You can reach Carol at 602-321-2873.

Kevin and Lou Hunt have their new Catering Business up and running. All the Hunt Kids and extended family are a part of the business and do a great job! Call them if you need catering for any size group. (833-4867) Their business website will be 'live' within a couple of weeks
www.mesagatherings.com

Zack O'Bryant, a 3rd grader at Franklin West, won the school spelling bee for his grade level. Older brother, **Kyle**, was a finalist for the 5th grade, also at Franklin West. Kyle got shot down with the word "Lutenant...Luiteanunt...Lieutenant..." well – we understand Kyle's dilemma! (Who knew that 'o' was the only missing vowel?) Good Job O'Bryant boys!

Logan Oldner was recently awarded the "Leadership Award" from the facility he is attending. Congratulations to Logan. WAHOO!

Betsy Rogers is not feeling well and struggling with lung problems. Our prayers are with Betsy and we hope she is better soon.

Gary and Nancy Tiffany were able to travel to Pennsylvania to attend the graduation of their son who is now a full-fledged dentist! Congratulations are in order! Yahoo!

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

The **Oquirrh (oak-ur) Mtn. Temple** is finished. An open house will be held all of June and July. Reservations are available online at www.lds.org/reservations or by calling 1-800-521-5105. Dates are June 1, thru Aug 1, with the exception of Sundays, July 4 and July 24. The dedication will be Sat. Aug 22 and Sun. Aug 23. The temple will open for ordinances Aug. 25.

On Friday, May 29th, **Elder Russell M. Nelson** of the Quorum of the Twelve and his wife, Wendy, were on

assignment in Mozambique. They were having dinner with the Church Africa Southeast Presidency, their wives, and the mission President, Blair J. Packard and his wife, Precinda. They were all in the Mozambique Maputo Mission home at the time. A group of armed assailants broke into the home and robbed the group and inflicted superficial injuries, mostly cuts and bruises, but Sister Packard's arm was broken. Local authorities are investigating the matter. Elder Ballard and his wife were able to continue their assignment over the weekend as planned. Mozambique is a southeastern African nation. The first church branch was created in the capital city of Maputo in 1996 and the first Missionaries arrived in 1999. The Mozambique Maputo Mission was created Jan. 1, 2005, making it the church's 339th mission.

If you need help with your Family Research, these are the people you need to know. Call one of them - they are all eager to help you!

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HP Group Leader: Anthony Kaberry 835-5149
1st Assistant: Joseph Stark 964-7754
2nd Assistant: Clyde Ransom 602-672-5933
3rd Assistant: Darwin Chapman 964-8803
Secretary: Dale Rogers 464-0765
Sis. Chris Martin: 835-6396

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The High Priests have volunteered to help you with temple ordinances on your family names. If you need help, call one of the above numbers. Many, many thanks for all the assistance rendered by ward members so far!

Dry Pack items available for June: white beans, refried beans, cocoa, flour, onions, red wheat. (Order due May 31, canning on June 25th) **July:** milk, regular oats, macaroni, carrots, apples and pinto beans. (Order due 28 June, canning on July 23.) **August:** potato flakes, fruit drink mix, sugar, black beans, rice, quick oats. (Order due Aug 2, canning on Aug 27.) Canning time is always 1 pm. Call Rosa Rodriguez for further information 644-0128.

A Stake Blood Drive will be held Sat. June 27th from 7:30 am to noon. Mark your calendars and plan to join us and make a donation! Remember that there is a prescribed waiting time if you have donated in the recent past.

Relief Society

Pres. Cris Rogers	695-4370
1 Couns Melissa Standage	964-1685
2 Couns MaryAnn Kaberry	835-3973
Sec Kim Brown	223-3773

June RS Lesson Schedule

June 7- Be Thou an Example of the Believers
 June 14-#35 Redemption for the Dead
 June 21-#36 Receiving the Ordinances & Blessings/Temple
 June 28- "Come to Zion"- by Todd Christofferson, Nov '08 Ensign, pg 37

Thank you to Nancy Tiffany and Miriam Martin for past service as RS teachers. We learned much from both of them. They both have new callings. We are Happy to have two new teachers join our RS team. Mary Filhart and April Parker, are both new to the ward and our Relief Society.

ENRICHMENT ACTIVITIES

Senior Single Sister's FHE Mon, June 15, at 5:30 pm at the home of Helen Fort (Helen is feeling good enough she would like to resume this long standing tradition!) 969-1810.

Temple Session Thurs, June 18, 10am session, lunch after in the temple cafeteria.

Book Group Mon. June 22, 11 am, @ home of Lynette McGraw. Ch 19 & 20 of "*Jesus the Christ*" and a book of choice to share.

Kid's Play Group Every Wed @ 10 am @ Silvergate Park (S. of Pueblo, on Briar)

Gardening Class 1st Thursdays, June 4 & July 2 at 7 pm at the Mehlberg home (1735 E. 1st Ave).

June 9th at 6:30 pm, an Enrichment Night will be held at the ward building for all the sisters. Come and find out which groups you might enjoy and bring your ideas for groups you might like to see offered. Refreshments will be provided and there will be a nursery.

The Ward Relief Society is helping the **Humanitarian Services** complete a very large number of **newborn flannel blankets**. About 200 have been completed by our own sisters in the past 2 weeks, but another huge bundle of materials has just come in that also need sewing. If you can help, please contact **Cris Rogers** or pick up materials from her (695-4370). Basically, this involves sewing 2 pre-cut pieces of flannel together and then sewing a large square in the center to keep the 2 layers from shifting. Thanks!

Young Women

Pres. Kim Hale	834-3041
1st Counselor Miriam Martin	313-7194
2nd Counselor Jen Oliver	219-8443
Secretary Elizabeth Stark	964-7754

Kyndra Hassell has completed her requirements to receive her YW Recognition Award and will be honored at a stake banquet on June 11th. This coveted award is a great achievement for Kyndra. CONGRATS!

June 24th will be a combined YW activity. The girls will participate in a jewelry class.

July 1st the combined YM and YW and their families are invited to a swim party.

Girl's Camp will be July 21 – 25 at the Orchard Site at Camp LoMIA. The girls are still looking for earning opportunities for their expenses. Please call Sister Hale (834-3041) if you need help with cleaning or babysitting or other ideas.

Larissa Hunt turned 14 on June 2nd and will be leaving the Beehive class and going into the MIA Maid class. Yahoo!

Danielle Driggs is working this summer at SunSplash. (So is **Joseph Stark**). **Courtney Eyring** and **Jessica Hale** (and **Trevor Schnepf** and **Brandon Boone**) are going to EFY in Flagstaff at NAU this summer. Lots of GOOD STUFF going on with our Dana Ward Youth this summer! (Also – it was noted that **Sister Jen Oliver** ROCKS!) (The girls also are excited that **Sister Hale** has survived the past 2 months of intense activities!)

YOUNG MEN

Pres. Darren Eyring 835-1799
1st Couns. Wes Filhart 277-1924
2nd Couns. Lance McGraw 699-0723
Sec. Conley Martin 313-7194

"On my honor I will do my best to do my duty to God and my country and to obey the Scout Law; To help other people at all times; To keep myself physically strong, mentally awake and morally straight." The Scout Oath

The ward Scouts and Teachers (ages 12, 13, & 14) will be attending **"The Pima-ree"** this summer instead of regular scout camp at Camp Geronimo. This will be held on Mt. Lemon above Tucson July 19th thru the 24th. Participants and their families should have been given information on this already. This is an International Jamboree involving troops from Mexico and Arizona. Should be lots of fun for all participants and leaders. (Will someone be sure **Bro. Boone** does NOT get a top bunk this year if he goes!)

Our ward Scouts assisted the US Postal Service early in May with their food drive. Many thanks to the boys and leaders who helped! They also did a top notch job putting out curbside flags in our area on Memorial Day! AWESOME!

PRIMARY

President Jennifer Mehlberg 279-2790
1st Couns Cheerl Redd 834-7788
2nd Couns Darcy Allen 733-4339
Secretary Janet Hassell 969-4276

Welcome new Primary Staff: Darcy Allen, 2nd Couns; Shaun Brown, 11 yr. old Scout Leader; Nancy Tiffany, nursery leader; Josie Carter, assistant nursery leader and Dawn Southwick, chorister.

Sunday Assignments

June Theme: Faith, prayer, repentance, and forgiveness strengthen me and my family.

June Scripture: "Successful...families are established and maintained on principles of faith, prayer, repentance, and forgiveness."
(‘Proclamation’, paragraph 7)

7th Article of Faith: "We believe in the gift of tongues, prophecy, revelation, visions, healing, interpretation of tongues, etc."

June 7:

O. Prayer: Molly Allen
Scripture: Jackson Oliver
Talk: Jocelyn Gardiner
Art of Faith #7 Eden Carter
C. Prayer: Mariah Rogers

June 14:

O. Prayer: Audrey Redd
Scripture: Parker Hird
Talk: Salesi Morello
Art of Faith #7 Noah Nichols
C. Prayer: Shelby Standage

June 21:

O. Prayer: Jordan Gardiner
Scripture: Samantha Montgomery
Talk: Leah Morales
Art of Faith #7 Chase Parker
C. Prayer: Renle Hird

June 28:

O. Prayer: Cayden Shope
Scripture: Jared Nichols
Talk: Chris Montgomery
Art of Faith #7 Kamea Turner
C. Prayer: Lauren Eyring

Jr. Primary Sharing Time: CTR 5A and CTR 5B classes

Sr. Primary Sharing Time: Valiant 11 Boys

Margin Notes:

No matter how long you nurse a grudge - it won't get better.

Nothing is more annoying than to have someone repeat word for word what you shouldn't have said in the first place.

If you long for the good old days, turn off your air conditioner.

They say nothing is impossible - except dribbling a football.

Nothing makes it easier to resist temptation than a decent upbringing, a sound set of values and witnesses.

Don't believe nice guys finish last. Nice guys are winners before the contest even starts.

Maybe we could end wars by making the universal minimum draft age sixty.

In the history of mankind no one has had the responsibility for assisting parents in preparing more missionaries or guiding more missionaries after they have returned than this generation of parents.
Elder Quentin L. Cook

An intellectual is someone who can listen to the "William Tell Overture" and not think of the Lone Ranger.

The best thing to hold onto in this world is each other.

Memory is what tells a man his wife's birthday was yesterday.

Marriages are not made in heaven. They come in kits and two people have to put them together.

To err is human. To forgive, infrequent.

A person who has everything should be quarantined!

Brush only the teeth you want to keep!

If God believed in permissiveness, He would have given us the Ten Suggestions!

Anyone observant enough to guess your age correctly will annoy you in other ways too!

If only someone would figure out how our bodies turn a couple ounces of chocolate into five pounds of fat.

We all have the strength to endure the misfortunes of others.

It's going to be an interesting world after everyone has had assertiveness training.

Most of us don't like to repeat gossip - but what else can you do with it?

A gossip is a person who is most willing to tell all the details without knowing any of the facts.

If your project doesn't work, try the part you didn't think was important.

Knowledge is like money - if you keep quiet about it, people will think you've got more than you have.

Prayers should not be taken out of schools - that's the only way some of us got through.

Practice makes perfect, so be careful what you practice.

Skill is successfully walking a tightrope over Niagara Falls. Intelligence is not trying.

The difficulties of life are intended to make us better, not bitter.

The "haves" and "have nots" are the second stages. The first stage is the "dids" and "did nots".

Children are a great comfort in your old age and they can help you reach it faster too!

Did you ever get the feeling that perhaps your gray hair isn't premature?