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Dear Brothers and Sisters of the Dana Ward-

Many years ago my family was blessed with a great home teacher. This faithful man will always be dear to the Filhart family. What made this man so great was his genuine concern for my father who at the time was less active in the church. He had the ability to become a trusted friend to my father and made him feel welcome and wanted. This love was also extended to me as a youth. I can remember many times where this good brother was a friend first, not a youth leader. In my opinion, this brother is the perfect example of BROTHERLY KINDNESS which we read of in Doctrine and Covenants Section 4.

We truly are brothers and sisters. How great is this knowledge! This understanding will lead us to be more kind, gentle, and patient and allow us to "love thy neighbor as thyself" (Lev 19:18). Jesus Christ has commanded us to love one another as He has loved us (John 13:34). Let us never be mean to one another or judgmental. This only creates bad feelings between each other. The Spirit of the Lord is grieved when there are arguments or quarrels. Instead, let us pray for the love of God to be in our hearts to help us be better

to one another. Elder Uchtdorf said in General Conference "When our hearts are filled with the love of God, we become kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving."

I pray that each of us will think about our ability to be friends to all we come in contact with and our concern for others, especially within The Dana Ward family.

Let us be good to one another ☺
 Brother Wesley Filhart

Happy
 BIRTHDAY



May 2012

- 02 Melvin Beals
- 02 Spencer Bury
- 02 Bryan Molina
- 03 Kevin Hale
- 06 Courtney Eyring
- 06 Ruby Redd
- 06 Cheryl Lans
- 07 Spencer Young
- 08 Jade Williams
- 10 Harvey Mosley
- 12 Steele Filhart
- 12 Kris Tiffany
- 13 Cherish Beals
- 13 Paul Perez
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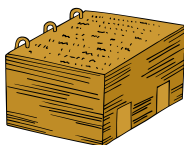
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Missionary Mailbox

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Dear Family: Sister Johnson had a birthday and 5 different people baked her a cake and we ate them all!



I didn't get transferred but my companion did. The sister from Pohnpei is my new companion I love having Sister Kalio as my companion. I don't think President knew how crazy we are. We laugh all day long. We keep joking that we are racking up the list of problems that we have to discuss about getting along with each other. We really have no problems with each other.



We run a couple times a week in the morning and then we do hula the other days. By association, I'm going to be a pro at hula and the ukulele. She just laughs at me because she says I am very sorry at hula techniques! This white girl can't move like that!

We are already planning a trip after our missions when I can go visit her in Pohnpei. We are more like real sisters than companions. We so enjoy playing pranks on the Elders. I think they all feel like they are cursed having the two of us together, against them! It's all in fun though!

So, we had some INCREDIBLE missionary experiences this week! A member called and said she wanted to have us over for dinner and that they would have a friend there to teach. So, we taught him on Tuesday and the lesson was so powerful! Every time Sister Kalio bears her testimony, it is as if the house

shakes. She says her English is bad but it is so good and when she testifies, you can tell it is from the heart and with such conviction. It always gives me goose bumps thinking about it. We invited him – that night - to be baptized - and he said YES!!! And before we even invited him he said, “I want to read The Book of Mormon.” He came to church yesterday and was fully participating in the lessons.

We went to see a less- active but she had moved. The person that answered the door, just moved here from Salt lake. She let us in and told us how she was taking the lessons in Utah and that she liked going to church with the missionaries. We went back the next day and her boyfriend answered and we told him who we are. He wants to learn too. Is that Awesome or what?!

A member invited us for dinner last night and had their friend over for a lesson. It turned out that we had met him at the nursing home. We taught him last night and invited him to be baptized and he said, “I have no reason to not do that.” He also said how he had felt the Spirit so strong last night.

We have a total of 4 people on date for baptism. I think the work is going incredibly well. I think it is because people see that Sister Kalio and I love being missionaries - so more people are starting to refer us to their friends. We got a text from our Ward Mission Leader and he gave us some names of some people who are inactive but they want their kids baptized and they want to come back to church. Best text ever!!!!!! So we went over and taught the kids. They have accepted the challenge to be baptized! Both parents had heart attacks recently and they were on life support at the same time. You can tell it was a really hard time and that was just a few months ago that happened. They are both excited about getting a new chance at life. They

are going to take it and come back to Church. We are so excited for them.

We saw Frances yesterday in the nursing home. She is the cutest lady I have ever met. She is so loving and caring and prays that Heavenly Father knows her heart and that she would be at church if she could. We took the ukulele and sang her some church songs. She really liked that. She loves us to come and visit her and rearrange her things in her room for her. If she won't be able to be baptized here on Earth, I know she will be ready for her baptism interview up there. I'm



going to do her work for her one day.

The White family are doing so well. They all came to church on Sunday but only stayed for Sacrament Meeting. They left early because Bro. White is still recovering from his surgery and wasn't feeling too well. We have taught them a few times. They are a fun family and I can't wait for them to all get back fully in the gospel.

I got my “trunky papers” giving me the date when I'm flying home. I am so NOT ready for this. I made Sister Kalio open them and read them to me. Worst letter ever! I didn't think they would hit me that hard. I think the worst part in the letter is, “Your mission in the South Dakota

Rapid City Mission is nearing completion!" Isn't that the worst thing you ever heard? Then to top it off, Sister Kalio started to sing, "God be with You Till we Meet Again". But, I'm not trunky. I still have a few months!

Each week is just better then the last one. I don't know how it can get better but then it does.

Love, Sister Hunt



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My area is a place called **Montemorelos, Nuevo Leon**. My companion is Elder Santiago from Lima, Peru. He is 22, about 5'4" and is a convert of about 3 years. He is almost finished with his mission and will soon be going home. Our area is so interesting. It's really very large and covers a lot of open area. We have to take a greyhound bus to our meetings every Monday. We have a lot of Ranches and mountains. It's crazy how similar it is to northern AZ. There are lots of little stores along the side of the narrow roads, and lots of large, old buildings. There are many huge, beautiful Catholic churches everywhere we go. Then another part of my area is mountains where people live in steep locations.

Our branch building and membership is small (for now). I was the speaker in our Sacrament meeting on Sunday. I talked about the Family Proclamation. Our investigator named Maria, has set a baptism date. She lost a child about a year ago and we taught her about where her child is and

how she can see him again and she accepted the gospel principles well. We are hoping everything continues to do well. We are contacting lots of people. I'm still trying to learn names and people and the area so hopefully I will have more to report next month.

Yesterday I gave another blessing of salud y consuelo. I think I'm getting better at it. I also learned that my comp played professional soccer for Peru. He played for the actual Peru National Soccer Team. He hurt his knee and was out of action for a bit and then found the church and now is on a mission. Pretty crazy! He's famous. And because he's my companion, I guess that makes me famous as well! (Ha Ha!)

Yesterday we were invited to eat lunch at a ranch. They had some goats and we had a short gospel discussion with the goats!

I'm sorry to hear about Sis Dastrup's health problems. Tell her I said I'm remembering her in my prayers. I miss you all and love you so much! Have a wonderful week!

Love, Elder Stark



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We are having a lot of success out in La Mana. My new companion is Elder Charnay and he is from Chile.

We have been working with a very special family of 9 children, named Auxiliadora. They wanted to be baptized but we had to work thru the marriage process first. Marriage involves a lot of paperwork and it is very expensive for these people. We finally helped them meet all their requirements and they were baptized on Easter Sunday. That made for a very special Easter this year for me. I love this family and have already seen the change in their lives. After their baptism, both parents bore their testimony, which was very sweet. One of the children is already a member and calls me his

'cousin' and says he wants to be a missionary just like me when he grows up. That makes me really happy!



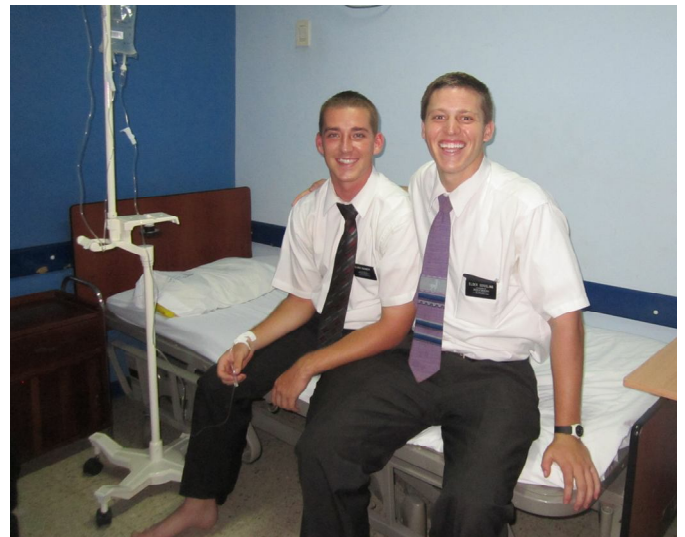
We also had a baptism the next night. These two girls have had the saddest lives I've ever heard of. They were abandoned 5 years ago by their mother and their father is in jail. But they are awesome! It is so difficult to fill the font in our small church building. There is no running water. We have to do it all with buckets from the reserve water tank outside. We tried to innovate and cleaned out some large mop buckets and wheeled them in. It took us 3 hours to fill the font



but we did it!

The next week, we had another baptism and decided we absolutely had to find a more efficient way to fill the font. We walked over to the fire department and asked them if they could help us. They sent a fire truck and crew to our aid and it only took them five minutes. They even gave us a ride in the fire truck. It was the first time my comp has ever been in a fire truck. It brought a lot of memories back of our ward block parties in Mesa.

Yesterday Brother Sigifredo received the priesthood. He can now baptize everyone that we teach. Last night we asked him if he could make a visit with us so of course he and his wife both came. They always go together. We visited a less active member. He said he's been less active for about 11 years and now he is a super spiritual monster. So we had a really good lesson with them. I think the experience will help change his life. So we now have somebody to go out with us all the time. I'm super happy! The ward has been so supportive and gives us a lot of assistance. The result is a dramatic increase in baptisms. Everything is good in Ecuador!



I had a couple of emergencies this past week. My shoes were so full of holes, I declared them 'dead' and bought a pair of Ecua-shoes. The

shop keeper assures me they will last my entire mission! I think that's what they told me in Mesa when I bought the last pair! Also- I got really sick with a stomach bug and ended up in the hospital for the night. Talk about an adventure that I don't want to repeat! I ran a high fever and felt horrible but I am feeling better now and I only missed 2 days of missionary work. Elder Osegueda took care of me like Mom would. The zone leaders both came and visited me. Elder Gossling thought I was dying and he was really worried. He's the Elder from Mountain View. But we get along very well in spite of our 'school rivalry'.

We had a meeting with President Amaya. Sunday, Elder Scott and Christoferson from the "Big 12", spoke to Ecuador by way of satellite (they both know Spanish by the way).

Pray for the missionaries in our home ward and help with the work.
Love Elder Schnepf



Elder Charney, Sis. Amaya, Pres. Amaya and Elder Schnepf



Brandon is adjusting well to the environment of the state of Virginia. Everything is green with lots of trees and flowering bushes and water. The landscape is anything but 'FLAT'! He thinks he is going to like it there! He is doing fine. They have very few people to teach right now, but the members are taking care of them and they are not going without meals!

In true missionary ingenuity, they keep looking for innovative ways to get conversations going with potential prospects. He keeps finding ways to turn basketball competition into discussions. None of the kids there think a kid from Arizona, wearing church clothes, could be good at hoops so they challenge Brandon and are surprised when he beats them. At that point he has their attention and he sets an appointment for a future discussion. They are on a mission for the Lord, so anything that works, they are willing to try! THE CHURCH IS TRUE, even in Virginia!

CTR: Elder Eyring

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Elder Brandon Eyring
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Elder Sheldon Hassell
reported to the Provo MTC April 25,
2012. **Elder Hassell** will be serving two

years in the **Oregon Eugene Mission, Spanish Speaking**. He will be in training at the MTC until his scheduled leave for Eugene on June 28, 2012. Once in Oregon, his address will be:

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Tate Brinton (452-5783) Ward Mission Leader.

Full-time Missionaries:
Elder Rindlisbacher and Elder Hamby 495-8138.

Ward Calendar Activities

May 8: Stake RS Service Day. 10 am @ Solomon Bldg. Humanitarian Quilting.
May 9: Scout Board of Review
May 9: Activity Day, 4:30pm at church bldg.
May 11-12: Father's and Sons Outing
May 13: Mother's Day
May 16: Scout Court of Honor
May 17: Ward Temple Day
May 23: Seminary Graduation
May 24: Last day of school/graduation
May 29-June 1: Girl's Camp
June 2: Stake Cub Scout Day Camp, 8am, Glade Bldg
June 4-9: Scouts at Camp Geronimo
June 7: Faith in God Recognition Ice Cream Social
June 14: Stake Temple Day 4pm
June 15-16: Priests Campout
June 17: Father's Day
June 21: Ward Temple Day
June 23: Stake Blood Drive-6am-ward bldg.
(Be sure to check for activities listed under the different Auxiliary Organizations)

GETTING TO KNOW YOU!

Welcome to the **Van Winkle family** who were baptized March 10, 2012. Father, **Earl Davis Van Winkle**. Mom, **Erin Van Winkle**, and Daughter, **Angel Fitzpatrick**. They live at 2302 E. Broadway #A Phone: 226-9447. They are neighbors of Gwen Leiser.

Also, the Guerrero family have moved into 1637 E. 1st Ave. (Phone:326-1729). Dad is not a member. Mom is Lydia and they have 3 children: Austin Droke, Nicholas Droke and Wyatt Guerrero. Welcome to the Guerrero Family!

Terrance Morgan, has moved into the home of his mother, **Martha Morgan** and grandparents, **Joe and Mickey O'Barr**. We welcome Terrance! His friend, **Heidi Whitney**, has been attending meetings in our ward with him. Heidi is the daughter of **Steven Whitney** who grew up in the old 19th ward, and she is the granddaughter of **Berta Whitney**, who also was a member of the 19th ward.

Heather and Brent Suhr and their children, Cody, Madison and Makenzie, have temporarily moved into some of the empty rooms in the home of her parents, **Kevin and Jill Schnepf**. Kevin and Jill found themselves 'Empty Nesters' and are going to enjoy a little time with those darling grandchildren close at hand for spoiling! Welcome (back) to the Dana Ward Family .

Notes on Dana Ward Folks

BIG NEWS! The following youth will graduate from High School Thursday, May 24, 2012: **Harmony Beals, Alyse Turner, Steele Crandell, Ezra Zepeda, Kevin Hale and Alex Shope**. Congratulations and Best Wishes to these special young people! We are proud of you!

As a ward, we offer our condolences to **Tima Hird** and her family. Tima's mother, **Nivla Hatch**, passed away in April, while serving a mission in Argentina with her husband. Our love to you Tima.

Kelsey Crandell, daughter of **Ray and Melissa Crandell**, was married to **Sean Williams** from Safford, Az. in the Mesa Temple on April 20th. They are both students at Eastern Arizona College and are renovating an apartment in exchange for rent until after classes are completed this semester.

Eddy Rodriguez and Sydney Latimer, (son of **Efrain and Rosa Rodriguez**) were married last December 17th. Their parents hosted a reception in their honor 21 April, 2012. The happy couple are making their home for now, with Eddy's parents in our ward.

Bill and Arlyce Reynolds celebrated their 44th wedding anniversary 11 Apr 2012. Congratulations on your 44 years of happiness and also grandchild #25 which is due soon!

After two years of intensive work, attending night and Sat. classes, **Melissa Standage** has completed her Masters Degree in Education and will receive her degree from NAU, May 11th! Super accomplishment Melissa!

Nancy Lalliss (Joe Stark's Mom) has bought a home in Phoenix and she and her two

daughters, **Shellie** and **Kristine**, will be moving from the Dana Ward about the middle of May. Good luck ladies and Best Wishes!

Kelly Eyring has turned 12 and has graduated from Primary and is now a Beehive in the YW program.

Cory (Downs) Martinez and **Jared Nichols** have both turned 12 and have graduated from Primary and been ordained Deacons in the Aaronic Priesthood.

Tyler and Karlie Stradling moved to Dallas, Texas April 23rd where Tyler has a new job. They will be greatly missed from our ward family but we know they are embarking on an exciting new phase of their lives and we wish them well. Tyler was released as the ward clerk and Karlie was released as a counselor in the ward Primary. **Brother Lance McGraw** has been called to serve as the ward clerk and **Marie Montgomery** has been called as a Primary counselor.

Ryan and Becca Young have named their new daughter **Anna Elise**. Anna was born 1 Mar, 2012. She's a sweetie! Becca has a few health issues and we are hoping those are soon resolved. She is having medical tests to determine what is causing what appear to be seizures of undetermined cause. Many thanks to the ward for helping and supporting their family with meals and assistance. Please remember Becca and the Young family in your prayers.

Evan Redd was baptized 22 Mar, 2012 by his father, **Dustin Redd**. **Josh Montgomery** will be baptized May 19 at 6pm. Congratulations to these 2 young boys!

Jared Broderick and his fiancé, **Camy Smith** are planning a Mesa Temple wedding for June 16, 2012. Camy currently lives near Alma School Rd. and University. We are excited to have her joining our 'ward family' and Jared is excited to have her joining his Broderick family!

The Mountain Man fame of **Pat and Cris Rogers** is about to go International. Pat got an invitation asking them to put on a Mountain Man Camp to be filmed by a crew from the Outdoor Channel. The Rogers Clan will set up their teepee village and demonstrate Mtn. Man skills and feed the crew with their famous dutch oven cooking during the filming process. The program is scheduled to air on the Outdoor Channel June 11, 12 and 13. Pat was excited that the filming schedule fit nicely between his scout agenda and summer camp and besides that – the Rogers Gang looks really good in buckskin!

Ernie Halliday will celebrate his 80th birthday May 21st. In honor of the momentous occasion, in April, his daughter and her children took he and Grace to Disneyland, Ernie's favorite place! He got to experience all of the rides and enjoy the shows. Brother Halliday said he had more fun than anyone!

ZION IS GROWING! From 'Facebook', we have learned that the **Filhart** family are expecting in Oct., but don't know if it's a boy or a girl. **Cheryl Lans** is expecting a daughter soon (adoption). Stay Tuned for further announcements!

Daline Maddern's broken arm has healed to the point that she can now use her walker. Her doctors continue to

be amazed at her ability to mend broken bones.

Tammy Turner's mother has come to stay with the Turner family. We are glad that she can join us. She's a sweet lady!

Marlene Stokes is from Michigan. Back when Kati was a baby, Marlene came to Arizona to visit, took the missionary lessons and was baptized. She and Tammy are the only members in their family. Marlene has 7 sons and 2 daughters. She is dealing with health issues of parkinsons disease and the effects of alzheimers but still loves to play the piano and organ and sing. For years, she taught voice, and piano lessons. She is a very talented lady.

Yolanda Zepeda's mother, Ramona Jaquez, has been taking chemo treatments for cancer while staying with Yolanda's sister here in Mesa. Ramona felt well enough a few weeks ago for Yolanda to take her mother back to Colonia Juarez, Mexico to visit her home and her children, that still live there. Yolanda's brother and another sister who live in the States, met them there, so they got to have a family reunion of sorts. Yolanda's Dad lived with the Zepeda family for several years until he passed away about 5 years ago.

As **Edwina Dastrup** battles her cancer problems, we appreciated her sense of humor and words of wisdom when she shared the following: " I f I live, I get to spend time with my children. I f I die, I get to spend time with Tom. I t's a W I N-W I N situation!"

Daughter Susan, is visiting with Edwina and the girls will move Edwina this week, to Julie Petersen's home on Pueblo, just a couple blocks east of our ward building (white picket fence on the S side of the street). After 51 years, Sister Edwina will be living outside our ward boundaries.

Edwina's cell phone # is 980-8859. I f she is able to visit, she will answer. Julie's home phone is 545-4771. We wish Edwina the best!

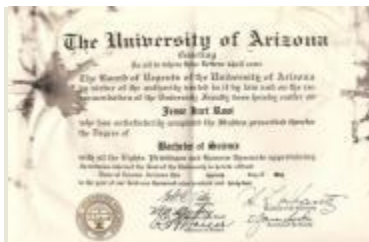
Hal and Judy Cluff, after 16 years, have another grandchild. Their daughter Kristil and her husband Doug, have adopted a brand new little boy. They were married 20 years before finally getting him!

(The following is a news article that appeared in the Tucson Newspaper in Feb. We thought the ward might enjoy it since it is about our own famous Jess Root, father of Linette Morris.)

Oldest UA Grad Recalls Time at School



Jess Root, a 1934 UA grad, at home in Mesa. (Images courtesy Jess Root)



(Click image to enlarge) Jess Root's 1934 diploma, signed by UA President Homer Shantz.



Root as an Army sergeant during WWII.

By Jeff Harrison, University Communications, March 5, 2012

Jess Root, along with four dozen other centenarians, was honored on Arizona's 100th birthday in February.

When Arizona celebrated its 100th birthday in February, Gov. Jan Brewer hosted a brunch for about 50 special guests. All of them were alive when Arizona joined the Union on Feb. 14, 1912.

Many are transplanted from other parts of the country, but the oldest native Arizonan at the festivities was Jess Root, who may also be the oldest living alumnus of the University of Arizona.

A few of the memories are starting to fade with time, but Root still remembers what it was like going to school at the UA in the early 1930s. Now 105 and living in Mesa, Ariz., with his daughter, Root graduated in 1934, during some of the darkest days of the Great Depression.

Jess Root was born just a few days before Christmas in 1906 in Pima, Ariz., one of a handful of neighboring agricultural communities nestled

along the Gila River that includes Safford, Thatcher, Solomon and Central. Growing up, Root went to school, including his first two years of college, at what would eventually become Eastern Arizona College in Thatcher.

As a transfer student, Root joined a UA campus significantly smaller than today's, contained then by Park Avenue on the west, Cherry Avenue on the east and Second and Fourth streets on the north and south.

Only the newly completed Arizona Stadium, finished in 1929, fell outside the boundaries. About half of the 24 buildings on campus then still survive and are on the National Register of Historic Places.

Tucson, with about 33,000 residents, was booming. The city's population had grown five fold since the turn of the century, in no small part due to a growing university and its 2,200 students.

Root called his UA experience "very agreeable." He majored in chemistry, took classes in math and physics, joined a fraternity and played baseball for coach Fred Enke.

Tuition was "about \$40 a semester, and that was big money in those days," he said. "I hashed my way through school working at the Copper Kettle Café," a restaurant in the square at Park and University.

"Going in as a junior, I missed out on some of the freshman activities, but I got along just fine," he said. Old Main was the central hub of the UA. Root said he marveled at the size of Bear Down, a gym that could accommodate three basketball games at

a time. He spent his first semester living at Cochise Hall, earning a bit of money there by sweeping up, before moving to a fraternity house.

And despite the poor economy, there was still fun to be had in Tucson.

"During Prohibition, the fraternity had a Model A touring car, so every once in a while we would go down to Douglas or Nogales for fun. They took me along to drive back home because I didn't do too much drinking. One night at a dance, they paired me with a (considerably taller) 6-foot girl as a prank. But we danced and had a lot of fun."

Root said he was active in athletics, playing baseball and tennis and running track.

He said he also acquired a nickname in college. Playing baseball in Douglas against a team from Mexico, "the girls there would say 'Hey, Charlie, if you hit a home run, we'll give you a kiss.' After that I was known as Charlie."

Root flirted briefly with pro baseball, playing with the Safford Haybailers after he graduated, but his career took him elsewhere.

With his chemistry degree, Root headed for Globe hoping to land a job in the assay office for the Old Dominion Mine, a major copper producer. Unfortunately, the mine flooded and operations shut down, although it subsequently became a reservoir for the town.

Back home in Safford, Root said the high school teacher there offered him a part-time job teaching.

"So I taught Spanish, algebra and general science. Then the CCC (Civilian Conservation Corps) came along and I got a job with them as an educational adviser until they closed. Then I got a teaching in Ash Fork (west of Flagstaff) until WWII started.

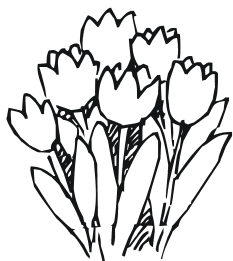
"Because I had a degree in chemistry, the Army sent me to their chemical warfare center for about three years before they moved me into military intelligence, and I served the rest of the time there. I went to OCS (Officer Candidate School) but they found out I was color blind, so that prevented me from becoming an officer."

After the war, Root started teaching in Thatcher and married a teacher from Safford, Rowena Richardson. The couple had two sons and a daughter, and moved to Phoenix where Root opened a clinical laboratory for hospitals.

Asked when he was last on the UA campus, Root said he took his two young sons to see a football game in Arizona Stadium to watch UA running back Art Luppino, the Cactus Comet, who in 1954 led the nation in rushing, scoring, all-purpose running, and kickoff returns and became the first player in NCAA history to lead the nation in rushing twice.

Root has long since retired, and has outlived virtually everyone he went to school with, but he was one of the many thousands of Arizonans who were instrumental in using their skills to build the state during the mid-20th century. Of his time at the UA, he didn't hesitate to say that he'd do it all over again.

"I enjoyed it. I had a good time," he said, and added, "Bear Down."



Relief Society

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2 Couns Linette Morris	962-8221
Sec Nancy Tiffany	834-8494

Instructions from the RS General Board, encourages the Visiting Teachers to concentrate on the needs of our sisters we visit rather than on counting a single monthly visit. From time to time, sisters may have greater needs than can be met in a single monthly visit. If you were not able to attend the RS lesson Sunday, Apr 29th, please contact a member of the ward presidency for more information on this.

May RS Lesson Schedule

May 8: Stake Service Day: 10am at Solomon Building (977 E. Broadway). Humanitarian Quilting Day. Lunch will be served. No Babysitting provided

May 9: Lesson taught by RS Presidency

May 13: #9 "Open Your Soul to the Lord in Prayer" - Teacher TBA

May 20: #10 "The Scriptures..." by Lonnette Millican

May 27: "Personal Revelation..." (Barbara Thompson-Ens-Nov '11) by Lois Chapman

In the April General Conference, the old General RS Presidency was released and a New Presidency was sustained.

They are:

Pres. Linda K. Burton

1st Couns: Carole M. Stephens

2nd Couns: Linda S. Reeves

Sister Burton returned in 2010 from Korea where she served with her husband who was President of the Korea Seoul West Mission. She has previously served on the General Primary and Relief Society Boards.



Young Women

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1st Couns Jill Schnepf 890-8934

2nd Couns MaryAnn Kaberry 993-3351

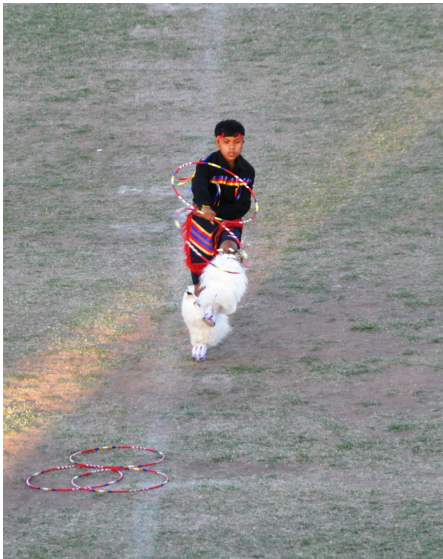
Sec Dawna Bury 529-6112

"Arise and Shine Forth."



The Dana Ward Young Women. May 2012.

The Regional Dance Festival was held April 21 at the MHS football stadium to help Arizona celebrate her Centennial. The 'New Era' photographer was on hand to do an article that probably will appear in one of the coming summer issues. Watch for that! Meanwhile, here's a few pictures of the youth, courtesy of Bishop Eyring.







The kids looked great, danced great, and put on a tremendously entertaining program. Thanks for the Show! (To see many more photos, go to [Bishop Eyring's Facebook page](#) and a video of the program is posted on [dacentennial.org](#) or just google [dance centennial](#).)

Stake Girl's Camp will be May 29 – June 1, right after school is out.

Primary

Pres Cheeri Redd 834-7788

1st Couns: Marie Montgomery 834-2093

2nd Couns: Dawn Nichols 610-1223

Sec: Anna O'Bryant 602-509-8757

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Primary Theme for 2012 is "Choose the Right"

May Theme: "I Choose the Right When I am Baptized and Confirmed a Member of the Church."

Assigned Talks:

May 13: Noah Nichols

May 27: Bailey Young

A big welcome to **Anna O'Bryant** who is the new Primary Secretary. We are excited to have her join us. She will fit right in! **Marie Montgomery** was already in Primary. She was moved to 1st Counselor. Exciting news! We had to say farewell to **Karlie Stradling** in Primary as she moved to Texas. We will miss her very much.

Evan Redd was baptized in March. **Josh Montgomery** will be baptized May 19 at 6 pm. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Cory Downs and **Jared Nichols** have graduated from Primary and are ready to move up with the big boys in Deacon's Quorum!

There will not be a pack meeting in May. Things get crazy at the end of the school year. Have fun with all your children's school activities in May.

NOTE: Stake Cub Scout Day Camp will be June 2 from 8am to 1pm @ the Glade Bldg on 24th St. This is for all boys age 8-11 years.

ACTIVITY DAY: The girls just attended the Stake Activity Day and had a great time! They learned some self-defense moves, how to be a true friend, and about modesty. They made a darling flower to wear in their hair and brought home a Family Home Evening packet to teach their families. It was an incredible day! We appreciate all who attended and helped out.

Next **Activity Day** will be May 9, from 4:30 to 5:30 @ the church. This is for all girls 8-11 years of age.

YOUNG MEN



Pres. Richard Hale 834-3041

1st Couns. Daniel Scott 602-620-1072

2nd Couns. Pat Rogers 695-7616

Sec. Conley Martin 313-7194

A Stake Youth **Pioneer Trek Reinactment** will also be held this year, October 15 – 19 during the School Break. Kevin and Lou Hunt have been called to be the Dana Ward Trek Specialists!



FOR YOUR INFORMATION

We have been asked by our Prophet, Pres. Thomas S. Monson, to submit only names of individuals related to us, for proxy ordinances. We should avoid submitting names from lists of famous individuals or victims of the Jewish Holocaust in an effort to refrain from causing hard feelings among groups outside our church membership. We must respect the beliefs and customs of groups not of our own faith.

Ward Temple Day is Thurs, May 17 for the 6:30 pm session or whichever session you can attend.



Thank You to the Dana Ward families that came on Saturday mornings in February, March & April, to clean the ward building . **WE ARE DONE FOR THE YEAR!** Thank you to **Mark Standage** for helping coordinate this service project. You people are **AWESOME!**

MORMON.ORG PROFILES

Bishop Eyring is still encouraging the Ward Members to fill out their profile on mormon.org to meet the invitation of the First Presidency to proclaim our belief in our Church and Faith. If you need help, please call Bishop Eyring (695-2346) or let him know when your profile is complete. Keep it Simple! This isn't supposed to be hard! We still need about 100 ward members to submit their profiles to meet our ward goal.

2012 Canning Schedule for the Home Storage Center



Our Stake Canning day will usually be the 4th Tuesday and our time will always be 10:30 am. You do not have to sign up ahead of time for the items you wish to can during our assigned times. Just arrive 15 min. early and let them know what you want to can from

that month's scheduled items. You may also purchase extra of those items at the end of the canning session.

May: Potato Flakes, macaroni, Sugar, cocoa mix, White Beans. (Canning: 22 May) **June:** Black Beans, onions, oats, sugar & potato flakes (Canning: Jun 26) **July:** Milk, fruit drink mix, carrots, apples. Refried beans (Canning: July 31). For information, call Sally Goodwin 444-8740.

Gilbert Temple construction



The above photo (2-18-12) shows the facing stone almost completed on the north side of the temple which faces Pecos Rd. and the west side (Greenfield Rd) rapidly being fitted with the stone facing.



(5-1-12 photo) E side, which is front of temple.



Artist's rendering of the completed Gilbert, Az Temple. East side is front.



Photo taken 1 May, 2012 of N and W sides of the temple, which are now completely faced in stone. The spire is almost completed with stone facing which is assembled much like a puzzle. Each piece of facing is designed to fit a particular spot. The east side of the temple, which will be the front, was without any stone facing Apr 15th, but has since, almost been completed with the outer stone facing. Protective, temporary plywood panels have been installed in all window slots and the glass will be added at a future date.

PHOENIX TEMPLE PROGRESS



Early April, 2012. Pouring cement basement floor in the Phoenix Temple. The orange pipes and extension are used to pump concrete from the trucks directly to the floor site. Walls in the background are the interior walls of the temple basement.



Artists rendering of the completed Phoenix Temple.

WHO DO YOU WANT TO FIND IN THE 1940 CENSUS???

1940 US Census Records to be Released

The launch of the 1940 US Census Community Project is underway to digitize these records and index them to make them easily available online to everyone for free.

Every person matters! An army of volunteers is needed to INDEX the records of 132 million people living in the USA in 1940. YOU CAN HELP!! Indexing is done at home, at your own pace, is verified for accuracy, and it's EASY to do. All you need is internet access and a desire to give service. Even small amounts of time are valuable. When you sign on again, your screen will be right back to where you left off. You can get started today and practice on beta records, or begin with existing records.

Sign in: LDS.org / Menu / Service / Volunteer / Index FH Records / Sign in (using LDS sign on) / Start

Tell your friends (without an LDS sign on) to join the cause by registering at The 1940Census.com .

The project can also be found on

blog@the1940census.com This project is a perfect springboard for YW Medallion projects, YM Duty to God or Eagle projects, and filling service hours.

There is now a free app for smartphones and tablet devices that has two purposes: draw in new volunteers to the worldwide indexing effort and provide new ways for them and others to index the newly released 1940 US Census Records and other records, for FamilySearch.org. Once indexed, these records are available FOR FREE on the church FamilySearch web site to members and non-members alike.

For younger people (and older people too) who have mobile devices, this is a way for them to participate in the indexing program. The new app makes it possible to index one name at a time, or for short periods of time, while a person is waiting in line, riding a bus or in other small time blocks. Long blocks of time are not necessary. This is more addicting than "Angry Birds", and has benefits for millions

of people. As soon as you submit one name, another name pops up, and then, you're tempted to submit that one too. If you are going to be addicted to texting anyway, try this and have some productive fun with it!

These records are not accessible in an indexed format until they have all been entered by volunteers! Once they are indexed, you can find a name simply by typing in the name and clicking a button, rather than searching individual pages by address, county and state to find an individual name.

For more information or to sign on as a volunteer, go to www.the1940census.com.

MARGIN NOTES:

I overheard my 2 adult sons talking one day. One asked, "Do little kids really think there are monsters under their bed?" The other answered, "I never did! I figured out early on that there was so much food storage under there that I knew there was no room for a monster!"

"Sometimes it takes a good fall to know where you should stand!"

"Follow your heart but take your brain with you!"

"We all live under the same sky, but we don't all have the same horizon."

"Sometimes when things are falling apart, they are actually falling into place."

"Don't try to understand everything because sometimes it is not meant to be understood, but to be accepted."

"You never realize what you have until it's gone. Toilet paper is a good example!"

"Life is like a roller coaster. It has its ups and downs. But it's your choice whether you scream or enjoy the ride!"

"If for awhile the harder you try the harder it gets, TAKE HEART! So it has been with the best people who ever lived." Jeffrey R. Holland

"Strength includes knowing you can't be strong all the time."

"Once you embrace unpleasantness, not as a negative but as evidence of a need for change, you aren't defeated by it, you're learning from it."

"The only power Satan has is the power you give him. Don't let him rob you of the destiny God has for you."

"Every test in our life makes us bitter or better. Every problem comes to break us or make us. The choice is ours whether we become victim or victor!"

We talk of Christ, we rejoice in Christ, we preach of Christ, we prophesy of Christ, and we write according to our prophecies, that our children may know to what source they may look for a remission of their sins. 11 Nephi 25:26

"The purpose of temples is to provide a place where holy ordinances are performed for the living and for the dead." Pres. George Albert Smith

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

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

"Some of us think a miracle is a miracle only if it happens instantly, but miracles can grow slowly; patience and faith can compel things to happen that otherwise never would have come to pass." Boyd K. Packer