

Dana Ward
Family Newsletter
- SEPTEMBER 2012 -

Dana Ward Bishopric

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Dear Dana Ward Family,

As a member of the Bishopric, let me tell you of the great love we feel for you. The good you do, the service you give and the lives you live are an inspiration to us. We also want you to know that we sorrow with you in your trials and struggles and we rejoice with you in your successes and achievements. Further, I want to testify to you of our Savior's Love for us and His perfect plan of Happiness for each of us.

I want to share with you some tender mercies and blessings I recently experienced on a trip out of state and relate them to our journey through "Life".

Brother Clyde Ransom was kind enough to accompany me to Osceola, Arkansas a few weeks ago, to pick up some equipment for my business. At a stop for gas near Albuquerque, New Mexico, I was able to give the attendant an "I'm a Mormon" card (see my profile and testimony

@ mormon.org/me/6xcj). My missionary goal is to give out 52 cards this year.) I gave it to a Native American woman who was pleasant and helpful. Our early start got us to Fayetteville, Arkansas where we enjoyed a pleasant meal and Family Home evening with my brother and his family.

Brother Ransom proved to be an excellent guide, having graduated from college and attended a branch of the church in Arkansas. After picking up the special mower, Clyde found us an impressive view of the mighty Mississippi River. Later, at a gas stop in Memphis, Tennessee, as per habit, we filled my diesel truck from the pump with the green handle. I went in to pay for the fuel and gave another "card" to a young black woman. She looked at it and then in very deliberate speech she said, "I go to the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints...I never thought I would see another

member." So I asked her name and shook her hand and said, "It's good to meet you Sister Goodman." When I went outside, Clyde indicated we had a problem. He noticed the fuel price was less than expected and that I had filled my diesel truck with unleaded gas! (note: all green handled pumps are NOT diesel!)

We walked to a nearby Home Depot and purchased gas cans and a siphon pump but the great blessing was having a friend along who was alert and the Lord's tender mercies for catching the mistake before any damage occurred. We offered a prayer of gratitude at Clyde's suggestion.

Early morning found us arriving at our New Mexico destination. In preparation for the purchase of a "dump trailer", a teller at my bank in Mesa had counted out the cash I had withdrawn for the anticipated purchase and had put it into an envelope and sealed it. As I was hooking up the new trailer, the seller found that the envelope was \$1,000 short. I had watched the bank teller closely as she counted the money twice. I looked around the seller's back seat where the money was counted. I questioned, but really believed the man was honest. This kind man then told me to go ahead and take his trailer and he would hold the legal title until I could send him the missing money. Again, the Lord's Tender Mercies! During our drive home, I thought about how much I regretted losing a thousand dollars, but then I thought of the eternal perspective. We are in this life to have experiences, to learn and grow. In the end, will a thousand dollars really matter? I don't think so.

Back in Mesa, as I drove to the bank, I thought about what a slim chance I had of recovering the missing money. I presented my dilemma to a bank official. It turned out that the bank had been trying to solve a mystery "overage" for several days. It was established that the \$1,000 was mine. They thanked me for solving the mystery. I got to leave a pass-a-long card with one of the bankers and I included one in the envelope I mailed with the check for the trailer. So, that's my story about gratitude, friendship, positive attitude, eternal perspective, blessings, missionary work and tender mercies. May our journey through life be filled with such and be worthwhile at the end.

Love,
Kyle Hassell



Happy BIRTHDAY

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 01 Bishop Darren Eyring
- 01 Miriam Martin
- 01 Erin Van Winkle
- 02 Dwight Morris
- 03 Melanie Brinton
- 05 Bonnie Jackson (95)
- 07 Ben Standage
- 08 Joyce Berry
- 09 Hal Cluff
- 09 Ken Coker
- 09 Vickey Stevens
- 10 Austin Droke
- 11 Heidi-Ann Blau
- 14 Amber Blau
- 14 Doris Smalley
- 14 Claire Rogers
- 14 Johnny Mascaro
- 17 Lynette McGraw
- 18 Christine Martin
- 18 Savannah Thompson
- 18 Dennis Hewes
- 19 Chandler Rodriguez
- 21 Donna Smith
- 24 Kerry Lengel
- 24 Melissa Crandell
- 25 Violet Rogers
- 26 Luke Nichols
- 28 Terrence Morgan
- 29 Kimball Rogers
- 30 Nick Brice

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

- 01 Sean Dalton
- 02 Audrey Burklund
- 03 Leo 'Ahia
- 03 Amelia Smith
- 04 Gordon Curtis
- 04 Linette Morris
- 05 Riley Hansen

MISSIONARY MOMENTS

Sister Marinda Hunt
South Dakota Rapid City Mission



Marinda completed her missionary labors and returned home on Aug 16, 2012. She gave a beautiful report in Sac. Mtg. Aug 19, 2012. You've been an excellent missionary and faithful daughter of our Heavenly Father. We, as a ward, will miss your missionary letters from the field, but wish you well in your next stage of life, which includes College classes again.



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Joseph has been transferred to Juarez. That's the Juarez in the Mexican state of Nuevo Leon, which is just west of Laredo, Texas, on the Rio Salado, not the Juarez across the border from El Paso, Texas.



Me and my companion, Elder Almazan.



Our District in Monterey. Govt. building in back.



The Mendoza Flores family we are teaching.

My new comp is Elder Reyes. He is 21, and a greenie from Antigua, Guatemala. He's VERY excited

about the gospel and I'm enjoying training him. He only comes up to my shoulder but he is REALLY excited to be here in the Mexico mission. He is still learning, but he is a hard worker and an awesome fella. We are having lots of success together and de hecho we will be having 2 baptisms this Sat. They are named Christian and Rosario. They have a lot of time being taught by the missionaries but they weren't married. Now they are married and we got them excited again and now they will be baptized. ALSO a blessing is that on Friday, I will FINALLY be going to the Monterrey, Mexico Temple!!!!!! I'M STOKED!!!! I have been 14.5 months without the temple.... I'm DYING! But it should be fun. We will be going with less actives and investigators.

We are working hard and bringing souls and less actives to Christ. The Lord is really blessing me right now. Thanks for all the prayers and thoughts and everything that you guys do for me and all the other missionaries throughout the world. Tell all the members in the DANA WARD that they are very missed and loved!

It's been pretty hot here but not as bad as other years. We're in something called *La Canicula* where it's the hottest 45 days of the year or something like that. It's intense! We have a washer in this house. We are VERY privileged. But I still wash my white shirts by hand (faucet/ribbed board/ water) On a normal day we go and talk to members and less actives. It's like home teaching but full time.

(Joe was telling Joseph about the youth activity at the lake) I remember the lake. What good times. I love the Hirds! They are awesome! I had some contact with them with the missionaries. I think it's funny that people still talk about me. Here I am thinking everyone has forgotten me completely.

The Olympics have been popular here. Everyone has it on their TV when we visit. It's such a tough temptation to watch it. One time we went to eat with someone and they were watching men's volleyball.

This week we were supposed to have 2 baptisms but an aunt that doesn't live with them thought we needed to get more permission from the family. She really can't do anything as long as the mom signs for the baptism but we thought it would be better to do it this next week. So we will see how this goes. On Sat. we visited a member and started talking about a place called Mirador de las Montañas. We call it 'ninive' which is the town of 120,000 who got baptized because of Jonas in the bible. So we got this sense of urgency to go to this place ASAP. We went to a tiny little town and visited some less actives and invited them to a group lesson we were going to

have. We taught the gospel of Jesus Christ (faith, repentance, baptism, holy ghost, and endure) and I taught it with an egg and a glass bottle. Everyone loved it. We had 15 less actives and 4 people who aren't members attend. They all got super excited and they are going to come to church and we have lots of things planned for them.

After the lesson, people came up to us saying how they were praying for us to come because they have a daughter who is 8 who needs to be baptized and also other people need to be baptized. Some other things happened that I must keep to myself but It was a very spiritual experience and an awesome day. I went on exchanges with my district leader Elder Toone from LA, Calif. He's pretty cool. He likes to surf and long board and he's been to a lot of cool places. I bought a ukulele and I've been practicing and getting pretty good. I love to jam out and relax. I hope everything is going very well and I hope everyone is happy and healthy.

Love
Elder Stark



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The missionary work is going really good. I am training a new missionary which is really hard work. It has been storming and raining like crazy. Hurricane Isaac is passing through. The brunt of it is just missing us though. It's going down the coast or something, but it has been raining a lot. Our apartment door has been leaking water because it puddles up high enough to get in. We have to keep putting blankets and towels down and we

keep praying. We went to Hampton to help some elders find new investigators and we couldn't get to the church. The roads looked like lakes. People were swimming in it, literally. There were a bunch of huge trucks going through it too, while people were just floating in it. Craziest thing I have ever seen! Eventually we made it to church. It was great. Things are awesome!

We tracked into this kid and he let us in and he really wanted to hear our message and read the book of Mormon. Then his Mom came in and said, "Oh no, we don't want to hear this", and she asked us nicely to leave. The kid was just so sad and it really made my heart sorrow because I know that the kid knew that our message was true. He wanted to get closer to God and be on the right path. But it was just not in the Lord's timetable for him to hear I guess. I asked my Comp after if I was doing something wrong because we prayed before we went in, for the Lord's help. He said, "Well, even Jesus Christ got rejected, and He was perfect." But it just built my testimony on trusting God. Even if things don't work out now they will be better in the morning. We need to endure well and trust God.

Love, Elder Eyring

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Elder Sheldon Hassell arrived in Eugene, Oregon on June 26, 2012.

My comp is Elder Ketchum and he is from Goodyear, AZ. We get along well. He's been out about a year and this is his second time training. I'm serving in





Elder Ketchum and Elder Hassell

Bend which they call High Desert. It reminds me of Pinetop, Az. a lot. I really like it so far. It's definitely very different than the MTC. I thought I would be teaching a lot more and speaking more Spanish. It's about half English and half Spanish. Most of the time tracting, at least so far, has been to Anglo families.

So I'm gonna hafta work extra hard in order to really learn Spanish. It'll come though.

The First Sunday in the Ward was amazing. I already feel very close to Bishop Wilcox. He's funny and has an awesome spirit. We got to stay for Ward Council, which Elder Ketchum said has never happened before and he's been in this area for 4 months. A recent convert was confirmed in church and I was in the circle. Her name is Elizabeth Membro, a Hispanic lady, and her niece Nora, is actually another one of our investigators that we're working with.

This past week has been really good. We've been working with some neat people. Shawn and Ashley, a young couple, have committed to a baptismal date of August 25th. I think Shawn was more accepting than she was, so we really will just need to focus more on her. The other person is Amy, the soon-to-be-wife of a less active member. We've been teaching her since I got here and they finally set a wedding date of August 25th, so we set a baptism date for Sept 8th. Usually it has been incredibly hard to get her to open up. We ask questions and she was short in replies, never really saying too much. But I dunno what happened on this lesson. They had us over for dinner on Saturday and we did a lesson afterwards. The served us New York steaks, baked potatoes and Salad, Yum! We really weren't too sure about her

testimony. I mean, we'd been teaching her, but were still unsure about her progress and if what we were saying was sinking in. So we wanted to focus on Scriptures and Prayer. We shared a scripture in 2 Nephi to start out talking about Feasting on the words of Christ. Then it just led into this discussion. We shared a couple other scriptures but Devin, the less active member, her soon-to-be husband, bore an awesome, way powerful testimony about prayer and the scriptures from something that was very personal. Then Amy said that she is always on the church website getting good information about relationships and how to help children. It was way cool because she said "it's awesome when I've used and applied this stuff, It works!" I told her that's really how I feel I've gained my testimony of the Book of Mormon. Living what it teaches and seeing how different, how much fuller my life is. She had some doubts that we discussed. But really I know if she prays about it, which we invited her to do and do it sincerely, then everything else is going to fall into place.

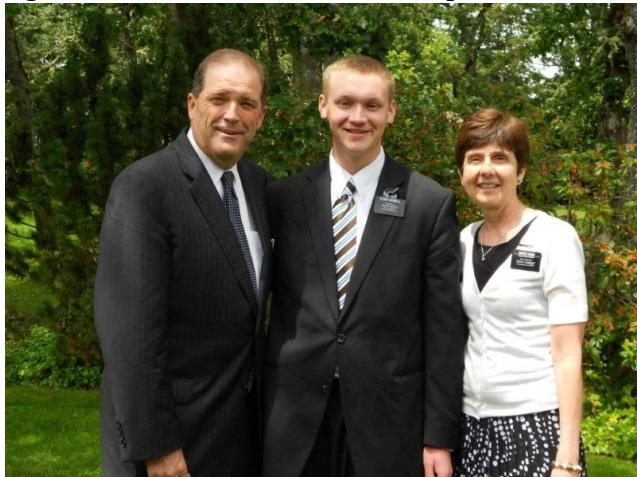
We are starting to prepare for the Cena Latina, something they started here last year that was a huge success, to draw investigators. There is a member here in the ward that's on the High Council that is helping and really the one behind it all. We'll provide food, get the Spanish members involved and get people to come enjoy food where we'll serve them. Then afterwards they will watch a video and we will answer any questions. Bro. Brown said it was a huge success. He's a really cool guy and helps out with the Spanish Group. He also has a really cool Mustang that we're gonna ride in one of these P-days. It is fast and modified for the racetrack. That's his hobby--racing. So that will be upcoming in October.

It's definitely different here from anything I'd expected. In the MTC, the investigators were role playing and imitating real concerns, and that was hard, but we always had people to teach. Now, people can cancel on you, stop investigating and just do all sorts of other stuff with their Free Agency.

Gotta love it!

One super cool potential we had, just told us that they're not interested in the Mormon religion at this time. I was bummed because he seemed open at first, accepted a Book of Mormon and everything. At least we were one of those contacts that maybe he needed and maybe a seed was planted for future missionaries to knock on his door. Who knows? We're trying though.

This Saturday was our first baptism. The two girls Alicea and Michala were baptized. It



Elder Hassell and his mission president and wife

was awesome. I got to be one of the witnesses and also was asked by them to say the closing prayer. Brother Cantrell, their Grandpa, did the Baptism. He is an amazing man and convert of 3 years now and is kinda like a Brother Johnny Martinez (a wonderful man in the Dana Ward).

Things are really good with my companion. I feel that we definitely are meant to be together and we have a really good relationship. I can talk to him and we work good together. It's great!
Con Amor,
Elder Hassell

News from Wallace and Edith Haws in the Dominican Republic

Pres and Sister Haws are serving as Humanitarian Welfare Specialists in the Dominican Republic. The following information is taken from 'snippets' of info found on their Blog site. We thought you might enjoy knowing a little about their Missionary Adventures.

"We have been trying to put together a water project in a community called Los Montones. There are two types of water systems, private and public. Public water systems are all maintained by INAPA the national water provider. However, INAPA has very little funds and struggles with the same problem that every other utility here, struggles with---- no infrastructure, no government support and people that do not hesitate to steal the utilities if they can. It is just a way of life. We are finding water projects to be very difficult to manage. No permits, govt. inspections or restrictions are required. If you want a water line,

you furnish the labor and the materials and DIY. We located a stream on the mountain above the little village that usually flows year round. We will have to lay about 10 miles of pvc pipe alongside the primitive road, from the stream to the village, and then teach the villagers how to install it and maintain it and test for water purity. Laying above ground, which is necessary for practical maintenance, also leaves the line vulnerable for other locals to pop the pipes apart at the joints to fill their own water containers and then hope they will put the line back together and maintain sanitary conditions.

We interviewed the mother of a family of 5 who live in Buenos Aires, a neighborhood which is part of the water project we are investigating in Azua. Dileysi is 31 years old. Her husband is 32 years old. He owns a motorcycle and works as a "motochacon" (motorcycle taxi). They have 3 daughters. He earns \$3,500 pesos (about \$90 US) per month on a good month and spends about 26% of his take home pay on water for the family. We still cannot fathom the difficulties she labors under without that most precious of all liquids---water. They purchase drinking water from a truck that drives through the neighborhood and dispenses the water into their own personal containers. They purchase non-potable water from another truck that comes thru the neighborhood and put a little chlorine in the water to kill bugs and use this water for cleaning, bathing and washing clothes. Americans, back in the States, use about 5 and one half times more water per person than the Dominican people.

We visited another city where the only hospital is an old abandon trailer with little or no equipment. The government employs a doctor, but does not provide equipment. We agreed with Dr. Diaz to go with her to see these people first hand and see if there is something we can do to help with a project. Here, we presented some physical therapy equipment that we purchased for one of our partner organizations, Asociacion Dominicana de Rehabilitacion (ADR). ADR offers reduced or free services to the poor for physical therapy, occupational therapy, and special education and is one of our wheelchair distributors. They have been remodeling their facility and held a nice ceremony. A special part of the ceremony was a speech given by one of the youth from our Church telling about how it made him feel to give service to this facility. Nineteen youth cleaned the facility and started digitizing all the patient records. They plan to continue their service until all the records are digitized. This is a big commitment.

The local people are very innovative in figuring out ways to function on a shoestring, as almost everyone is very poor. Motorcycles and motor bikes and even bicycles are a common mode of transportation. Today, we passed a family of 5, all perched or hanging onto a very small, moving motor bike. We decided that must have been some kind of a record for the number of passengers on such a small vehicle.

We visited the Constanza Branch where we have a project to provide a surgery lamp, among other things, for the community hospital. The head nurse for the hospital is a member of the

Church and has been trying to get a project there for a couple of years now. The old surgery lamp that hangs above the operating table contains a 100 watt light bulb because when the original bulb burned out, they had no funds to replace it. We have been working on this project for several months, but because of communication problems and the inability to get information over the phone, the project is still pending.

Unfortunately, in the meantime, Sister Rivera's husband was in a motorcycle accident and had a compound fracture to his leg. The common policy here, is to amputate the leg. Due to intervention by some good missionaries and some fast offering funds, Brother Cruz Rivera, was able to have a rod put in his leg to save it. It is amazing to us how the doctor was able to do this surgery with only a 100 watt bulb for lighting!"

There is a lot more information and photos on their blog site if you would like to learn more.

hawsdradventure.blogspot.com

Tate Brinton (452-5783) Ward Mission Leader.

Full-time Missionaries:

Elder Tanner and Elder Lithgow 495-8138.

FYI: Brother Keith Merkley is the Ward Directory Specialist and as he is updating the Ward Membership Guide, he may be contacting you. He also will help you create your member profile on the **mormon.org** website if you need help. He can help you understand this program, answer your questions about how you can secure your information and show you the site so you can check it out. 255-8472 or 520-445-3111.

Sept. Ward Activities Calendar

Sept 4: Night RS for the Sisters. 6:30 pm

"Girl's Nite Out/Get to Know You"

Sept 13: Sisters quilting at Solomon Bldg. 10am

Sept 14 & 15: Priests & Varsity Scouts: On-Target

Sept 20: Ward Temple Day (6:30 pm session)

Sept 21: Ward Campout at Pivot Rock

Sept 26: YM/YW Stake Dance

**Sept 26&27: 8-11 Yr old Primary Girl's softball
5-6 pm @ Horn & 2nd Ave**

Sept 29: General RS Meeting Broadcast

Sept 29: Primary Program Rehearsal 9:30 am

Sept 30: Primary Program in Sac Meeting

Sept 30: Stake YM/YW Fireside

Oct 2&4: Primary Girl's Softball @ Horn & 2nd

(Be sure to check for activities/details listed under the different Auxiliary Organizations)

Notes on Dana Ward Folks

Daline Maddern passed away in her own home on Sat. July 14, 2012. Hospice had honored her wishes and moved her to her own home earlier in the week. Her Niece Maggie, was caring for her in Daline's home, when she passed away. A short, family service was held for her on Monday, July 16th, at the Dana Ward Building. She was a sweet lady with a cheerful and kind personality, in spite of the heavy burden she carried through her life with poor health and tragedy within her own family. She cared for many of her family members who had more personal problems than she, and sacrificed for others, at her own expense and time. She devoted service to many and was charitable towards all she met.

Kaye Legler, wife of Tom Legler, passed away July 20, from health problems related to her diabetes. The Leglers have been longtime members of the Dana Ward and have given faithful service to the ward for many

years. The Legler family has expressed gratitude to the Dana Ward members who helped with the funeral arrangements and the luncheon served to their large family after the services.

We offer condolences to the **Filhart family**. **Mary's father, Roland Washburn**, passed away in July, here in Mesa.

The youngest sister of **Pat Martinez**, Diane Sue Whetsel, passed away Friday, Aug 31. We remember Pat and her family at this time.

Elaine Beech is starting to feel better now that her doctors have figured out that she has meningitis and it is probably responsible for her health issues the past several months. We are all hoping this is going to help restore her hearing as well. Get Well Elaine!

Conley Martin has spent a few different stays in the hospital recently. With Fast Sunday Sept. 2, 2012, if you would include Conley in your fasting and prayers to help Conley feel better and navigate thru the decisions and treatments of the next few months, it would be greatly appreciated.

The Stake High Priests hosted a social on July 20th. Those attending enjoyed some good food and fun company. A fun, impromptu skit about the adventures of a true hero and heroine of the old West, complete with a villain who held the mortgage on the ranch of the heroine, was presented by willing/unwilling members of the audience. (All participants were very good sports and put on a 'professional' production!) Everyone had a chance to boo and hiss the villain and cheer for the 'good guys'.

Mark and Danielle Driggs are home from BYU-Idaho for their School Break, until

January, when they will both be returning for new classes. Mark will be working for *Anasazi* until he has to return to Rexburg. Their parents are going to enjoy having their two youngest kids back in the house for awhile.

Arlissa Reynolds, daughter of **Bill and Arlyce Reynolds** has concluded her 3 year service assignment with the US State Department in Israel and has spent much of the summer in Washington D.C. for orientation and training for her new assignment as Public Relations Director with the US Consulate Office in Kirkuk, in Northern Iraq. She begins her year assignment in Iraq in Sept. She speaks five different languages and will use her Arabic language skills in this new assignment. Arlyce and Bill have become world travelers as they visited their daughter in her past assignments in Moscow, Jerusalem, China and Argentina. They will not be visiting Iraq. For security reasons, Arlissa's travel will be greatly curtailed in Iraq. She will spend her time in consulate offices and the living quarters under heavy guard within the U.S. Compound. The living quarters will be a heavily fortified barracks and they can only travel in a military convoy. Arlissa will be attending LDS services by Skype on her computer screen. It should be an exciting year for her and she may meet some interesting LDS military service personnel thru her Skype activities.

We have heard from family members that **Dallas and Helen Petersen** and their family have arrived safely in Australia and are settling into the Sydney University for 4 years, where he is pursuing his Doctorate Degree in Chinese / American History. They are living in Glenfield, which is a suburb of Sydney.

Helen's parents live about a 12 hour drive away from Sydney but will be visiting them often. Their new address is: 177 Canterbury Rd, Glenfield, N S W, 2167 Australia. Their email address is: helenccluff@gmail.com.

Ray and Dawn Southwick and their family have moved from the ward to Las Vegas, Nevada. Ray has a new job opportunity and we wish them success and happiness in their relocation.

FYI: Ray Crandell was called to serve as the Dana Ward High Priest Group Leader on July 1st. **Dwight Morris** is the 1st Assistant and **Kevin Hunt** is the 2nd Assistant. **Melvin Beals** is the Secretary. Thank you for accepting these new callings Brethren!

Bonnie Jackson will be celebrating her **95th BIRTHDAY** on September 5th! Bonnie grew up in the Eager/Springerville area and was the 2nd child of 7 born to the Ashcroft Family. She attributes her longevity and good health to all the fresh air, exercise, and wild/fun adventures she and her siblings enjoyed as she was growing up. Her family plan to gather and celebrate with her at a family dinner. If you see Bonnie at Church or in the neighborhood, be sure to congratulate her on her 95 years of spreading "SUNSHINE" to others during her lifetime!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY BONNIE!

Joe and Mickey O'Barr's daughters, Becky, Cathy and Martha, recently had an opportunity to visit the Scottish homelands of some of the ancestors of their family. The girls brought back some souvenirs for their parents. Joe now has a length of his family clan's 'Tartan Plaid' and Mickey has some

clothing accessories woven in the mills near Kelso, Scotland. Mickey's maternal grandmother was from Kelso. A male ancestor married Matilda, one of Robert The Bruce's daughters. They visited the Bruce Castle and the small town of Kelso.



Kyle and Janet Hassell are grandparents for the first time! Their daughter **Kylie** and her husband **TJ Pond**, are the proud new parents. "**Jake**" Pond was born in Flagstaff on August 16th and weighed in at 8 lb and 15 oz. Everyone is doing fine

and Kyle and Janet are adjusting nicely to their new roles as Grandma and Grandpa!

Savannah Rodriguez, the daughter of **Sally LeSueur**, is staying with her aunt and uncle in Kentucky for this school year. Savannah is pursuing some opportunities to improve her viola skills while attending school there.

FOR SALE: SLIGHTLY USED BMX BIKE!

Cherish Beals would like to sell her BMX Bike. It is in excellent condition except for a slightly wobbly front wheel. Cherish was practicing some tricky 'jumps' on Aug. 17th at Reed Park and collided with another bike enthusiast. This is the same location where her older sister Harmony, broke her jaw a year or so ago. Cherish managed to confine her injuries to plowed up knees and a banged up head. Due to the encouragement of her parents, Cherish is giving up her BMX bike activities and will be concentrating on the finer skills of Badminton! Seriously folks, Cherish would love to sell her 'slightly used' BMX Bike! She can be reached at 227-5332 after Mesa High School class hours.

A big "Thank You" to **Brother Mel Beals** for serving as a Poll Worker at last week's primary elections!

The Hird Family was attending the 80th birthday party for the Hunt's grandmother in the Hunt Backyard and **Rhett** (the youngest Hird child) was thoroughly enjoying a pretend sword fight which resulted in a trip to the ER. Rhett is now the owner of a beautiful, blue, figerglass cast on his arm and will 'get' to wear it for at least 4 weeks. (We are glad you are a good sport and healing OK Rhett!)

Dale and Violet Rogers have had an opportunity to visit Illinois for a few days to attend a nephew's wedding and visit some church sites in the area around Nauvoo.

(Just a little plug for **Sister Karen Schnebly**...) Karen is such a dynamic and serving lady! She is the RS Compassionate Service Coordinator, meaning that she makes arrangements for service needed in the ward and for funerals and then sets up, serves and cleans up after these needed activities. She serves 3 days a week at the Family History Center, babysits (OFTEN) her many grandchildren, assists her ill sister weekly in Queen Creek, and as if that isn't enough, she also is a volunteer "Poll Worker" on election days, for the county. This lady understands SERVICE! Thanks, Karen, for all you do for the ward members, your neighbors, your family and community.

Lynette McGraw had a fun experience attending BYU Education Week in Provo in early August. Lance and Lynette's parents did some babysitting of the McGraw girls, to allow Lynette this special opportunity. Understanding and sacrificing husbands are worth their weight in gold!

Patrick and Cris Rogers 'made the cut' and the Outdoor Channel's filming of their Mountain Man Experience Business aired on TV Monday,

Aug 27. Hopefully this will be good advertisement for them.



Relief Society

Pres Lou Hunt	833-4867
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2 Couns Linette Morris	962-8221
Sec Nancy Tiffany	834-8494

September RS Lesson Schedule

Sept 2: "Blessings of the Priesthood" (Daus in my Kingdom #8) taught by RS Presidency
Sept 9: #18 "Stay on the Lord's Side" - by Vickie Stevens
Sept 16: #19 "Temporal & Spiritual Blessings..." by Wendy Tonga
Sept 23: "The Doctrine of Christ" "by D. Todd Christofferson – Apr '12 Gen Conf by Lois Chapman
Sept 30: RS/Priesthood Joint Lesson

There will be a Night Relief Society Meeting for the Sisters of the Ward on Tuesday, Sept 4, from 6:30 to 8:30 pm. It's a "Girl's Night Out" and a "Get to Know You" fun evening.

There will be Finger Foods and Snacks, Games, and time to visit and get acquainted with old friends and new sisters who have recently moved into the ward. There will be a nursery if you need to bring your children.

We are asking the Visiting Teachers to be sure their sisters are invited and know about this special evening.

THERE WILL ALSO BE A DOOR PRIZE!

Just a reminder that all and any of the stake women are invited to join the **Solomon Ward sisters for quilting** every 2nd Thursday morning at 10 am at the Solomon

Ward building on the corner of Broadway and Solomon Street.

Young Women

Pres Lindsey Layton 292-4556
1st Couns Jill Schnepf 890-8934
2nd Couns MaryAnn Kaberry 993-3351
Sec Dawna Bury 529-6112



"Arise and Shine Forth."

Teen Scene

With school beginning, our ward youth are involved in many different areas of school sports, music and government. Here's a list (as we know it...)

Courtney Eyring: Purple Pride Commissioner @ MHS

Kyndra Hassell: Fund Raising Commissioner @ MHS

Larissa Hunt: Senior Class Vice President @ MHS

Renle Hird: Member of MHS Marching Band. Plays baritone

Lauren Eyring (freshman) Member of MHS Varsity Badminton Team

Sarah Young: Acappella Choir @ MHS

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"

September Theme: The Ten Commandments teach me to love God and his children.

The Primary organization extends a big "THANK YOU" to **Rebecca and Ryan Young** who were recently released from their Primary callings. **Pinki Hoepfner** has been released as a teacher and **Amber Merkley** has been released as the Webelos Leader in the Cub Scout Program. **Jonathan and Melina Crosby** have been called to work in the Nursery. **Olivia A'hia** is teaching the Sunbeam Class. **Cami Broderick** is a new Primary Teacher and **Amelia Smith** is the new Webelos Leader. The ward is very grateful for the services of these ward members.

Zack O'Bryant turned 12 on July 5th and was ordained a Deacon in the Aaronic Priesthood by his father, in his father's ward. Zack has graduated from Primary and is enrolled in the YM program.

Rylee Hird turned 12 on Aug. 6th and graduated from Primary. She is now a member of the Beehive Class in Young Women.

Claire Rogers is celebrating her 8th birthday Sept. 14 and will be baptized by her father that same day at 7 pm at the ward building. **Claire** also plays the viola in the Franklin Intermediate Orchestra.
(Claire is only a 2nd grader!)

Luke Nichols will be eight on Sept 26 and is looking forward to being baptized by his father as soon as the Primary Program and General Conference activities free up use of the Stake Building.

Colin Merkley has earned and been awarded his **Arrow of Light** in Cub Scouts.

Girl's Primary Softball will be Sept 26 & 27 and Oct 2 & 4, 5-6 pm at the Inter-Stake Center fields on Horne and 2nd Ave. behind the old Mesa Jr. Hi.

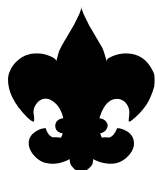
Parents who have been given a "Spotlight" sheet are asked to fill out the information for their children and return them to the Primary Presidency ASAP so that we can SPOTLIGHT your children during Sharing Time.
Thanks!

Primary Program - Sacrament Meeting September 30, 2012

The Dress Rehearsal Practice (for the above) will be Saturday, Sept. 29th, from 9:30 – 11 am. Children should not wear shorts because we'll be practicing in the chapel. Popsicles will be served afterwards.

Overheard in Primary recently: A few of the children were discussing which Primary class they attend. An enthusiastic 8 year old piped up with, "I'm a *Violent 9!*" Hopefully, she meant *Valiant 9!*

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

Over the summer, between Scout Camp and Troop activities, **the ward Scouts have earned a combined 92 merit badges.** This is fantastic!

The **Varsity Scouts** are participating in the **ON-TARGET** area activity Sat. Sept 15. Different troops are assigned to a different mountain peak in a general area and the youth get to practice their 'signaling' skills, communicating with each other using mirrors and other methods. (NOTE: Does **NOT** include cell phones or iPads or other modern electronic devices!)

The Pioneer Handcart Trek Reenactment for the Stake YM / YW will be Oct. 15-19, 2012.

The Dana Ward Young Men involved in Mesa High School Music and Sports programs are:

Joseph Standage: Acappella Choir & Intermediate Drama Class

Brenden Merkley: Acappella and Chamber Choirs

Brandon Boone: Marching Band (flute) and Color Guard for Half Time Shows

Ethan Merkley: JV Football Team

Dylon Merkley: All Men's Choir

Kimball Rogers: Plays cello in the Chambers Orchestra, also in Acappella and Chamber Choirs

Jared Nichols plays trumpet in the Poston Jr Hi Advance Band

Chris Montgomery plays French Horn in the Poston Cadet Band

Zach O'Bryant and Mason Redd play the cello in the Poston Orchestra

Spencer Nichols is working on his Eagle Service Project. Spencer is building Coyote Boxes for the Southwest Wildlife Refuge Org. These are 'temporary homes' for rescued or captured coyotes, bobcats, small mtn. lions, coatimundi, small bears and other smaller animals. These rescued animals are captured or injured in accidents, hit by a car, fire, etc, and are kept in these boxes until they heal and/or can be released back into the wild. Spencer got some local hardware stores to donate the \$400 in materials to make the boxes, and he measured and cut them out with the assistance of some ward members. Sat. Sept 1, he invited ward members to come help him assemble and paint the boxes. Spencer is grateful for the ward members that have helped him complete his project.

Kimball Rogers is also working on his Eagle Project which involves working with the City of Mesa Fire Department and painting fire hydrants.



FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Ward Temple Night will be Thurs. Sept 20. Please attend the 6:30 pm session or any other session that fits your personal schedule.

The Stake Presidency is available for temple recommend interviews on the 2nd & 4th Sunday of each month, 3 to 5 pm.



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.

SEPT: Black Beans, dry onions, regular oats, sugar & potato flakes (Canning: Sept 25) **OCT:** non-fat dry Milk, fruit drink mix, dry carrots, apple slices, Refried beans (Canning: Oct 23). **NOV:** Potato Flakes, macaroni, Sugar, hot cocoa mix, White Beans. (Canning: Nov 27)

For information, call **Sally Goodwin 444-8740.**

Pima Medical is offering FREE training in First Aid and CPR. This is for any individual 12 and older. This is a one, 3 hour class. Those completing the class will be given a certificate and a T-shirt. For more information and to enroll in a class, call 480-898-9898.

1940 US Census Records Project

As of the first of August, the 1940 Federal Census is now fully indexed. All 134 Million names may now be searched easily thanks to the army of volunteers who began digitizing the census in April. It took exactly 4 months to index every name, which is a phenomenal achievement. Go online and look for your parents or grandparents. Where were they living and what were they doing the year before the US entered World War II? If you were one of the volunteers that helped with this project - A Great Big THANK YOU!

The **new Brigham City, Utah Temple** open house will run Aug 18 thru Sept 15, excluding Sat. Sept 8 and Sundays. Dedication services will be Sunday Sept 23, 2012.

The newly renovated **Boise, Idaho Temple** open house will run from Oct 13 to Nov 10. Rededication services will be Sunday, Nov. 18, 2012.

The **Manaus, Brazil Temple** was dedicated by Pres. Dieter Uchtdorf June 10, 2012.

Margin Notes:

It may be safely assumed that no person has ever lived entirely free of suffering and tribulation. Nor has there ever been a period in human history that did not have its full share of turmoil, ruin and misery. Pres. Monson

If we were all to bring our misfortunes into a common store, so that each person should receive an equal share in the distribution, the majority would be glad to take up their own and depart. Pres. Thomas S. Monson

Whenever we are inclined to feel burdened down with the blows of life's fight, let us remember that others have passed the same way, have endured, and then have overcome. Pres. Thomas S. Monson

When I follow God's counsel, thoughts of family experiences with friends and treasured memories of special days and quiet nights course through my mind and bring a sweet repose to my being. Pres. Monson

"... for ye say that your hearts are changed through faith on his name; therefore ye are born of him and have become his sons and daughters." Mosiah 5:7

In the helter-skelter competitiveness of life, there is a tendency to think only of ourselves. To succumb to this philosophy narrows one's vision and distorts a proper view of life. When concern for others replaces concern for self, our own progress is enhanced. Pres. Monson

The call to serve has ever characterized the work of the Lord. It rarely comes at a convenient time. It brings humility, it provokes prayer, it inspires commitment. President Thomas S. Monson

The trek west by the early Saints was a trial of faith. But faith forged in the furnace of trials and tears is marked by trust and testimony. Only God can count the sacrifice; only God can measure the sorrow; only God can know the hearts of those who serve Him - then and now.

Pres Thomas S Monson

One of the most famous enlistment posters of WW II was one depicting Uncle Sam pointing his long finger and directing his piercing eyes at the viewer. The words read, "America Needs You." America truly does need you and me to lead out in a mighty crusade of righteousness. We can help when we love God and with our families serve Him; and when we love our neighbor as ourselves.

Pres. Thomas S. Monson

When we catch the vision regarding the worth of human souls, when we realize the truth of the adage, "God's sweetest blessings always flow through hands that serve Him here below", then we have quickened within our souls the desire to do good, the willingness to serve, and the yearning to lift to a higher plane the children of God. ... The bottom line of living is giving." Pres. Monson

"When compared to eternal verities, most of the questions and concerns of daily living are really rather trivial. What should we have for dinner? What color should we paint the living room? These questions and countless & others like them lose their significance when times of crisis arise, when loved ones are hurt or injured, when sickness enters the house of good health, when life's candle dims and darkness threatens. Our thoughts become focused, and we are easily able to determine what is really important and what is merely trivial." Pres. Monson

"You can have a sacred, revelatory, profoundly instructive experience with the Lord in the most miserable experiences of your life." Elder Jeffrey R. Holland

"Everyone will spend a little time in Liberty Jail - spiritually speaking. The lessons of the winter of 1838-39 teach us that every experience can become a redemptive experience if we remain bonded to our Father in Heaven through that difficulty." Elder Jeffrey R. Holland

"We will be called upon to face trying times. Some may fear that God has abandoned them and wonder if troubles will ever end. Do not succumb to such fears. He does hear us. He does see us. He does love us. When we are in dire circumstances and want to cry 'Where art Thou?' it is imperative that we remember He is right where He has always been - right there with us!" Elder Jeffrey Holland

No one is alone in their earthly battlegrounds. During periods of suffering, God may be nearer than at any time in one's life. Difficult things happen even to those who are righteous and worthy of God's blessings. Elder Jeffrey R. Holland

"In distressing circumstances, one may feel the urge to strike out at God or man. We must remember that 'no power or influence can or ought to be maintained except by persuasion, by long-suffering, by gentleness and meekness, and by love unfeigned; ... without hypocrisy, and without guile'" D&C 121:41-42 as rephrased by Elder Jeffrey R. Holland

"The Savior and His prophets offer priceless examples of remaining calm, patient, charitable and forgiving in the midst of personal distress and difficulty. Having the spirit with us is essential in this hostile world of ours and remaining true to our Christian principles is the only way that divine influence can help us." Elder Holland

"When we have a vision of what we can become, our desire and our power to act increase enormously."
Elder Dallin H. Oaks

"What individuals desire over time is what they will eventually become and receive in the eternity."
Dallin H. Oaks

"Loneliness and the feeling of being unwanted is the most terribly poverty." Mother Teresa

"Faithful Latter-day Saints do not have to fight life's battles alone. Your rewards come not only hereafter. Many blessings will be yours in this life, among your children and grandchildren." Elder Russell M. Nelson

"We must do the little but necessary things daily and regularly." Elder Cecil O. Samuelson

To do the very best we can, and then to choose to be happy about our circumstances, whatever they may be, can bring peace and contentment."
Pres. Thomas S. Monson

But behold, I, Nephi, will show unto you that the tender mercies of the Lord are over all those whom he hath chosen, because of their faith, to make them mighty even unto the power of deliverance. 1 Nephi 1:20