

**WILLOW CANYON 1st WARD
SANDY UTAH EAST STAKE
2011 History**

The year 2011 begins with Todd Lloyd-Bishop, Doug Milne and Joel Weight as counselors. Scott Williams replaced by Jerry Farr as Executive Secretary.

High Priest Quorum – Nielson Leshar president, Rex Cook and Craig Fairclough replaced by Mote Bishop as counselors Larry Kershaw as secretary

The high priest quorum organized a monthly sealing session at the Draper Temple. Members could sign up to participate. Many were able to receive the blessings of the temple by participating in this sacred and saving ordinance for the dead. Family names of ward members were submitted and completed.

Elders Quorum Richard Clegg replaced by Jay Nielsen quorum leader, Lars Johnson replaced by David Glauser, and Larry Curtis replaced by Jay Wright as counselors. Robert Rawlings as secretary

Sept. 14 Ice Cream Social in the Cleggs backyard. Everyone was encouraged to bring homemade ice cream for judging. Visiting teaching and home teaching families were invited to attend. The winner of the contest was Terri Williams with hers our cream raspberry recipe.

Relief Society - Andrea Marx replaced by Donna Strong as president, Deanna Nielsen replaced by Jane Johnson and Allyn Thompson replaced by Nichole Miles as counselors and Elizabeth Rawlings replaced by Marilyn Crapo as secretary.

As a presidency, we will be teaching about the attributes of Christ as listed in "Preach My Gospel". We hope to strive to be more like Christ and our families will learn also and draw closer to Him.

The Relief Society spearheaded the Ward Family Reunion party in August at Hidden Valley Park.

Teachers-Nancy Williams, Susan Johnson and Terri Williams

Relief Society Meetings Coordinator – Kaylin Nydegger Committee Members- Shannon Curtis released, Shelley Glauser, Jennifer Mitchell, Diane Clark released

Sunday School

Steve Riep president, with Mont Deming as first counselor and Terry Johnson as second counselor. Roger Schmitt secretary. Bruce Sullivan was assigned to teach an 8-week family relations class focusing on parenting strategies. In the fall of 2011 Brother Sullivan taught a second 8-week family relations class on marriage and couple relationships. The class has been so successful that Bishop Todd Lloyd has suggested that all ward members be assigned to attend it in 2012.

Teachers-

Gospel Doctrine - Natalie Nielson-Riep –replaced by Stefan Wells Russ Messerly.

16-17 yr old. Lori Hanson and Jennifer Mitchell released

12-13 yr old - Diane Clark replaced by Scott Williams

14-15 yr old Darin Olsen

Family History - Merrill and Rone' Scott replaced by Natalie Nielson-Riep

librarians- Marie Thompson, Joyce Walkenhorst, Darlene Visser and Ruth Clegg, Carinne James released

The Sunday School continued to keep up an active training schedule in 2011 They held an in-service training for Sunday School in the winter quarter. Steve Riep presented the training at these sessions. Terry Johnson provided training on teaching by the Spirit in both meetings. Steve led a discussion forum on teaching strategies for success. Refreshments were served and gladly enjoyed by all.

Young Men- Greg Miles President, Ryan Locket (replaced by Larry Curtis) and Adam James as counselors, Rick Morris as secretary.

Priests Quorum

The 16-18 year olds journeyed to a memorable and once-every-30-years type of adventure for their summer camp. Yellowstone Park. July 2011. BSA High Adventure.

Participants: Zach Rigby, Seth Wells, Spencer Bierman, Brandon Pasker.

Leaders: Bishop Todd Lloyd, YM President Greg Miles and joining us for 1st and last day, Jack Nydegger, Venturer/Priests Advisor.

Wildlife: Bald Eagles, Buffalo, deer, Cutthroat trout, Splake trout, otters, marmots, hawks, ducks, geese, bear warning signs but no bears

The destination: Shoshone Lake up the channel from Lewis Lake. Day 1 was dropoff and tremendous amounts of rowing across the lake and halfway up the channel. Once the current became too strong we pulled the canoes through the river about a mile (felt like 5 miles). On Day 2 we made it to the hot water geyser basin despite brutal canoeing conditions. Going over large waves at the wrong angle was not a pleasant experience. All week in Yellowstone brought mosquitoes beyond belief--swarms of these annoying pests that sounded like hummingbirds, were extremely hungry, and flocked in large swarms. Day 3 and 4 were more relaxing. The canoeing--required and optional--turned out to be near 30 miles in 4 days time. Had some tasty pizza in Jackson and then enjoyed a wild water river raft down the Snake River Saturday morning. The final stop for lunch on Saturday was in Star Valley at the infamous "Rulon's Burger Barn"

(Rulon Gardner, native of Star Valley).

The Yellowstone trip leader was going on his second journey as a tour guide: Brie (Bree) Jensen. He was calm, quiet, and 18 years old. He reported (at the end of the summer) that our group was his favorite due to the teamwork, lack of issues, and the inspirational nightly spiritual thoughts from the boys.

Teachers Quorum

In 2011 the Varsity Scout Team consisted of one boy for most of the year. As such, we were invited to join the Venture Scouts for most of their weekly activities. The 3-day high adventure camp scheduled for the last week in June at the East Fork of the Bear River Scout Camp was canceled due to high snow pack. We have recently gained three new boys, and are looking forward to functioning as an actual Varsity Team this coming year.

One of my favorite activities in 2011 was hiking Bells Canyon on July 21st. We gathered early in the morning, and hiked to the reservoir; we continued on to the first waterfall. Of course, we could never leave early enough to escape the heat in July- it was a very hot day! We had lunch together at the waterfall, and then hiked, or rather raced, back to the reservoir. The boys were in a full sprint! We attempted to fish- we could see lots of large Bonneville trout in the reservoir, but were extremely unsuccessful at catching any. We were throwing bait at their heads, and they still wouldn't bite! That didn't stop Jared from trying to teach the other boys how to fish and tie knot. I think it is so memorable to me, because of the great camaraderie that was there. We just had a fun, relaxing time; enjoying the scenery, the conversation, and the joking and laughter.

Leaders were Adam James and John Strong with Doug Milne as the Bishopric member.

Deacons Quorum

The Scout camp was held at the Bear Lake Aquatics camp July 4th to 10th. Coleman Lloyd, Josh Ellis, Glayde Wells, Jared Rigby, Mason Miles, JJ Rigby, and Nick Vantongeren were the boys this year. They all worked hard and earned many merit badges, had a ton of fun, and made the famous 10' cell phone call that "someone was breaking into their tent." All made it home safely at the end of a great week

Scout History started with a trip to the Klondike Derby in January. The highlight of the trip was the coconut curry chicken the boys made for dinner. They all loved it and ate quite a bit of it. Then the next day they were running in the sled race Zach Rigby pushed the sled in the race, he pushed it the right way on the way across but then pushed it backwards all the way back, He single handedly came in fourth out of about 20 sleds.

The next camp was the Bear Lake Aquatics Camp. The boys had a great time together and accomplished a lot. They all completed several merit badges. The most exciting thing was finding two rattle snakes near camp. Jamie Rigby saw the first one. The second one was sighted by Stephen Wells. All the boys were able to see the snake. Bishop Lloyd remembered for telling the boys scary stories around the camp fire. His famous and most told story is about Hyrum Smith The scouts have had lots of advancements. We are looking forward to another great year of fun and progress in the scouting program.

Leaders were Jamie Rigby as Scoutmaster, Ryan Laukat as the Advisor and Joel Weight as Bishopric member over the Deacons.

Deacons also had the Klondike Derby January campout and other great events and activities during the year

Young Woman - Laura Woodhouse President, Vanessa Pendleton. and Donna Strong (Released late 2011) as counselor, Kim Leshar as secretary

January- Zumba with Michele Bell 1/21- Planning Meeting, combined YMYW activity- Broom Hockey, 1/26 new Beginnings.

Kelly Johnson released as Beehive/Miamaid Advisor. She has been called to be the new primary President in our Ward.

February- 2/2 individual Activities, 2/6 Combined YW, 2/9 Service Activity 2/13 Baptisms for the dead, July 19- 22. Girl's camp always the highlight of the summer and we will enjoy working with our new camp director Jane Johnson. YW Basketball at Buttercup chapel Feb. 3, 10, 17, and 24.

March- 3/3 jewelry making with Rachel Bierman, 3/9 surprise baby shower for Vanessa Pendleton, 3/13 BYC, 3/23, Carl Bloch art exhibit at BYU, 3/26 Young Women General conference, 3/30 Personal progress On-Line

April- 4/6 Karaoke at the Lloyds, Laurels tea for Sarah Jones' 16th birthday, 4/1 3 individual class activity, 4/24 BYC 4/24 combined YW Easter lesson, 4/27 combined YM, YW garden Project, 4/30 Road trip to Jordan River Temple

May - 5/1 Combined YW lesson- Laura Woodhouse teaching, 5/8 Combined YW Rachel Bierman teaching, 5/15 Ward Conference, 5/18 Camp Meeting, 5/22 BYC, 5/24 Laurel transition night. 5/25 Combined YM YW activity with patriarch Bringham.

June - 6/1 Ninja games, 6/5 combined YW lesson Vanessa Pendleton teaching, 6/8 Camp Certification, 6/15 window washing and weeding for the widows.

6/22 Beehive game night, swimming and Baptisms for the dead, 6/23-25 Youth Conference, 6/29 Friendship activity and tie dye shirts for camp.

July- Making pretzels with Tori and Chrystal Weight, Camp preparation tie dying shirts, Housed keeping camp activities

August - Baby sitting for Temple Sealings, Combined YM, YW- Boating, Tennis with Georgeann.

September - Learning cross-stitch. BBQ in the mountains, Hike

October - Baptisms for the dead, combined YM, YW activity Sandy Vegetable Garden, PJ'S-Prayers, Journal, and Scriptures,

Festival of the Trees Service Project.

November –Missionary service project, Help Mom get ready for Thanksgiving, YW in Excellence
December -caroling

Primary

President: Kelly Johnson, 1st Councilor: Jill Rigby, 2nd Councilor: Jennifer Anderson Secretary: Crystal Weight
Chorister: Babara Pasker

Pianist: Malorie Laukat replaced by Diane Clark

Baptisms in 2011:

February 5, 2011: Kendon Riep (birthday January 14)

July 2, 2011: Kaleigh Glauser (birthday June 11)

August 6, 2011: Lothair Pendleton (birthday July 5)

Graduating from Primary and moving to Young Men/Women:

Mason Miles

Kira Woodhouse

J.J. Rigby

Kristina Ellis

Primary Activities:

Our Primary Theme for the year was Scriptures are the Word of God. We spent the year building a chain. Every week the children read their scriptures they got to add their name to the chain. We ended up with a very long chain that almost covered the entire cultural hall. We also were encourage to bring our scriptures to church and not just bring them, but use them. Throughout the year characters from the scriptures came to our primary to tell us their stories. The kids loved these characters and enjoyed seeing the scripture stories come to life. There was Mary (Jesus' mother), Captain Moroni, Lehi, John the Baptist, Esther, Joseph Smith, and Ammon We had two Primary activities for the year. Our annual School's Out parade and picnic was on June 9, 2011. The kids love this activity. This year we met at the Rigby's house. Decorated our bikes/scooters/strollers. Then went on a parade around the block, heading back to the Rigby's house to have hot dogs and root beer floats.

Our second activity was held on October 15, 2011 at the church. This activity was a Missionary activity. The primary children were sent their mission calls in the mail. The kids started in the Primary Room, which we had set up as the MTC. The full time missionaries taught us how to approach people and talk to them as they are trying to be missionaries. We sang "Called to Serve". Then the children received their plane ticket and headed to the airplane. The children were served a snack of peanuts and a bottle of water. After a brief ride on the airplane the children landed in their mission areas. The kids were separated into three rooms or missions Japan, Chile and California. We had some help with these missions from Bro. Russ Messerly (Japan), Sis. Tiffany Pasker (Chile) and Bro. Jamie Rigby (California). After their missions the children returned to the airplane for a ride back home. We had the parents meet the children in the cultural with signs and balloons to welcome them home.. The activity was so fun and the primary children really seemed to enjoy it.

Primary Teachers in 2011:

Nursery: Joyce Freddrickson, Debbie Bierman, Yvette Donoso

Sunbeams/ CTR 5: Lynn Jensen, Klarissa Wells

CTR 6 & 7: Chyrrel Cook, Nancy Parsons

CTR 8: Shannon Curtis, Charity Hawkins

Valiant 9: Gina Messerly, Liz Morrison

Valiant 10: Gary Johnson, Michael Jones

Valiant 11 & 12: Jen Johnson, Nicole Miles

Ward Activities:

Ward Family Reunion Party was Aug. 3 at Hidden Valley Park It was a great success thanks to the many hands that helped. There was a wonderful dinner served of Bar-B-Q hamburgers and Hot Dogs. The ward members brought delicious salad salads and desserts to share with all. Families played lawn games, visited and the children played on the playground. The young women served Snow cones. What a treat!

A day of Community Service was held at the request of Stake Pres Greg Dahl. Ward member took part in cleaning up yards, planting new shrubs, weeding flower beds, painting houses ,repairing sprinkling systems and removing trash. Afterward we all gathered at Bishop Todd Lloyds for BBQ hamburgers and hot dog and homemade root beer.

Activity: Ward Christmas Party "A Christmas Dinner like Christ Might Have Known." The event was held at 6:30 on the evening of December 2 and was centered on a middle eastern-themed menu that included Mediterranean roast chicken, hummus, pita chips, dates, pistachio nuts, and kalamata olives. Ward members brought side dishes including a Jewish Passover potato casserole and Greek rice dishes, and both Jell-O and tossed salads including an Israeli salad. Dessert was provided by the ward and included Steve Riep's homemade baklava and pastries furnished by Al Walkenhorst. The evening ended with a short program that included a nativity pageant by the Primary, musical numbers by the ward choir and the Young Women and seasonal remarks by Bishop Lloyd. At the conclusion of the evening everyone joined in singing a carol and a closing prayer was offered by Bob Thompson. The High Priest Quorum coordinated setting up the tables and chairs, the Young Women arranged the table directions that Dorothy Mahler generously provided, and the Relief Society presidency helped with food preparation and cleanup. With everyone pitching in, the activity went extremely

High School Graduates

Rachael Bierman

Ward Staff

Alta Ridge Center coordinator- Ron Baker. Replaced by Jim Hanson

Alta Ridge Center Relief Society Coordinator – Manette Muri and Gayle Hansen as assistants

In the ward boundaries is the Alta Ridge Assisted Care Center. The wards in the stake take turns holding Sacrament meeting and Relief Society for the residents there. It gives many people in the stake opportunity for leadership positions, plus music positions.

Ward Newsletter – compiled by Marilyn Crapo replaced by Corrinne James

A Ward Newsletter is passed out each month by the deacons as they collect fast offerings. The newsletter contains a message from the Bishopric, the theme for the month, announcements from the Stake, a schedule for the Gospel Doctrine lessons for the month, a brief write up from each of the auxiliary organizations as to what is happening there, a ward/stake calendar, birthdays in that month and Missionary addresses with a quote from the prophet.

Ward Historian – Diane Clark – released October

Willow Canyon 1st Ward Theme of the Month for 2011

January- Priesthood

February Service-

March- Obedience

April- Atonement/Resurrection

May- Parenting and Family

June- Scriptures

July- Faith

August – Proclaim the Gospel

September The Holy Ghost

October- Consecration

November- Priesthood Blessings

December Atonement/Resurrection

Missionaries 2011

Parker Lloyd-Taiwan Tiachung Mission released

Kyle – Nydeggar-Washington Everett Mission released

Eddie Sagebin-Lisbon Portugal Mission – released 6/3

Clayton Williams – Mexico Monterrey East Mission

Kenneth Milne -Paraguay Asuncio North Mission

Richard Rawlings – Ohio Columbus Mission

Kirk and Marie-France Arnold Tahiti Mission

Robert and Marie Thompson- Bishop's Store House/general service

Vivienne Sullivan- Tabernacle Choir

Warren and Dorothy Schmidt – Conference Center/Temple Square Mission

Bill and Sharon Allen-Temple Square Mission

Ron and Connie Bake Inner City Mission- Kearns

Rick Morris- Home Storage

Marriages 2011

Kathryn and Daniel Valentine - March 12

Births

Matt and Vanessa Pendleton - boy

Mike and Kara Melesky - boy

Adam and Corinne James – boy

Larry and Shannon Curtis - boy

Deaths

Yvonne Bishop 1/27

Jeffery Beal 3/1

Glenda Bateman 4/29

Lynn Hall 10/

Vicki Loveless 12/11