

# WILLOW CANYON 1st WARD

## LEARN FROM THE PAST

## NOVEMBER 2010

In April 2009 conference, Elder M. Russell Ballard shared the following.

"Years ago when I was in business, I learned a very expensive lesson because I did not listen carefully to the counsel of my father, nor did I heed the promptings of the Spirit giving me guidance from my Heavenly Father. My father and I were in the automobile business, and the Ford Motor Company was looking for dealers to sell their new line of cars. Ford executives invited my father and me to a preview showing of what they thought would be a spectacularly successful product. When we saw the cars, my father, who had over 35 years experience in the business, cautioned me about becoming a dealer. However, the Ford sales personnel were very persuasive, and I chose to become Salt Lake City's first—and actually last—Edsel dealer. And if you don't know what an Edsel is, ask your grandpa. He will tell you that the Edsel was a spectacular failure.

Now, there's a powerful lesson for all of you in this experience. When you are willing to listen and learn, some of life's most meaningful teachings come from those who have gone before you. They have walked where you are walking and have experienced many of the things you are experiencing. If you listen and respond to their counsel, they can help guide you toward choices that will be for your benefit and blessing and steer you away from decisions that can destroy you. As you look to your parents and others who have gone before you, you will find examples of faith, commitment, hard work, dedication, and sacrifice that you should strive to duplicate."

Pride can often interfere with our ability to learn from the past. While our parents, children, leaders, or peers may not have faced the exact same situation we are dealing with, the lessons they have learned from similar experiences can be invaluable in guiding us. In Elder Ballard's case, his father had never been an Edsel dealer, but the lessons he learned from 35 years in the car business gave him intuition that Elder Ballard didn't have in his inexperience.

When I was in an advanced math class in college and the teacher would apply a formula at the perfect time to solve a problem, we would ask how he knew to use that solution. His answer was always the same. "Mathematical maturity." After a couple more years of college, I was helping my older brother with a business math class. While instructing him on how to solve a sample problem, I used a formula which made sense to me at the time and quickly led to the solution. His question, "How did you know to do that right there?" was answered with "Mathematical maturity." I wasn't trying to be glib, there was really no other way to answer the question. It all came down to experience. There wasn't any special rule book that said exactly where to use which solution, but because of the experience I had in my previous math classes, I knew that at that point in time it would lead to a clean solution.

There are many around us that have developed spiritual maturity and they can give insight to us when we are struggling to find a solution. The Lord has blessed us to live in a day when we have living Prophets and Apostles upon the earth, able to impart His counsel to the world. It would be foolish to ignore this vast array of experience and wisdom. This month, as we receive the conference report in the Ensign it would be wise to review with our families the counsel given to us, in our day, for our day.

Further in his talk, Elder Ballard summed up the value of learning from the past.

"It is my message and testimony to you today, my young friends, that for the most important questions of your eternal lives, there are answers in the scriptures and in the words and testimonies of apostles and prophets. The fact that these words come largely from older men, past and present, doesn't make them any less relevant. In fact, it makes their words even more valuable to you because they come from those who have learned much through years of devout living.

...Learning the lessons of the past allows you to walk boldly in the light without running the risk of stumbling in the darkness. This is the way it's supposed to work. This is God's plan: father and mother, grandfather and grandmother teaching their children; children learning from them and then becoming a more righteous generation through their own personal experiences and opportunities. Learning the lessons of the past allows you to build personal testimony on a solid bedrock of obedience, faith, and the witness of the Spirit."

Love, Your Bishopric

## MISSIONARIES

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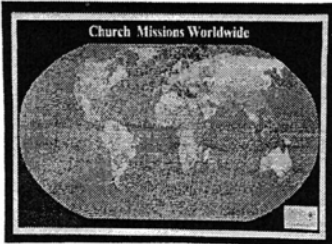
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## NEWSLETTER

Please submit your organizations information to

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**On November 30th TUESDAY.**

Thank you for your help and support of this newsletter.

Please let me know of any new neighbors or happenings in the neighborhood.

## NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to these and any others I may have unintentionally missed.

- 2 Glenda Bateman—  
Richard Haight
- 3 Sydney Eby
- 5 John Mahler—Debra  
Hawkins
- 7 Monte Alexander
- 9 Kyson Wilcox
- 11 Charles Schmitt
- 13 Kari Williams
- 14 Elizabeth Rawlings—Isaac  
Miles
- 15 Janna Hook
- 16 Derek Reynolds
- 17 Betty Thomas
- 19 Shannon Curtis
- 22 Evelyn Farnsworth
- 23 Cole Lloyd
- 29 Carolee Vincent
- 30 Michele Cuburu—Jack  
Nydegger

## PRIMARY

>Yearly Theme: I know my Savior lives

want to welcome Malorie Laukat as our

November Theme: When we serve others we serve God

November Scripture: "When ye are in the service of your fellow beings ye are only in the service of your God" (Mosiah 2:17)

Our Primary Sacrament Program will be on Sunday, November 14th. Every child will have a speaking part. We want all the children there, but if for some reason you aren't going to be to church that Sunday, please let **Kristy Jones** know, so she can plan the program accordingly. You can email her at [kjones3383@q.com](mailto:kjones3383@q.com) or call 572-3383. Please make it a priority to attend.

Join us for our Primary Quarterly Activity "We are Different—We are all a child of God", on Saturday, November 20th at 1PM.

Thanks to **Jack Nydegger** for being such a fantastic teacher for our young boys.

## EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

Stake Dry Pack Canner day is Thursday November 11th 1:00pm to 5pm. or go in any day at 9am or 1pm or 5pm.

For your information there is a food co-op called "Bountiful Baskets" and they deliver (20th E. 9400 So.) to our area. If interested you can reach them at [www.bountifulbaskets.org](http://www.bountifulbaskets.org). For \$15.00 you receive a laundry basket of fruits and vegetables. It is well organized, easy and fast. Some of the things you get are tomatoes, lettuce, summer squash, green beans, cucumbers, yams, grapes, apples, pears, pineapple, black berries, limes, grapefruit, plums. There are different items each week. The produce is fresh and very much worth the money. They also have 5 loaves of yummy bread for \$10.00..... "I have been sharing a basket with my daughter this summer and I have been very impressed with this program. My grandchildren have learned to like a big variety of produce also." MC

**IF YOU SEE ANY UNUSUAL OR SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY GOING ON AROUND THE NEIGHBORHOOD PLEASE CALL THIS NON EMERGENCY NUMBER AT THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND REPORT IT.**

**BETTER TO BE SAFE THAN SORRY BE AWARE OF WHAT IS GOING ON AROUND YOU. 801-743-7000**

**EMPTY NESTERS** will be meeting this month on the 8th at Terry and Jane Johnson's home at 7:00pm.



## MUSIC



*Singing the hymns provides a way for us to offer praises to the Lord. Each time we sing in Church we should actually consider it that way. Wouldn't we then, more carefully think about the words we are singing and be happy that he considers our songs as praises to Him and as prayers offered to Him.*

## TEMPLE DAY

SEALING SESSIONS AT THE TEMPLE WILL BE ON THE THIRD TUESDAY- NOVEMBER 16TH. THIS WILL BE AT 6:00PM. BUT YOU NEED TO BE THERE BY 5:30PM.

You are invited to do endowment sessions or initiations any time during the day. Sessions are every hour on the hour.

## COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Many Thanks to Jack Nydegger, Harvey Barnhart, Ronee Scott, Mont Deming,

Shannon Curtis, and Sheryl Nenow for their dedicated service to our community. We all need to support their efforts to keep us informed in what is going on and how we can help them. It only requires a few hours or less a month. If you have a gripe or problem concerning our community you need to attend the monthly meeting on the 4th Wednesday at 7:00pm at the Buttercup Library and bring it before the council for consideration, or email your concern to [council@willowcanyoncommunity.org](mailto:council@willowcanyoncommunity.org). **This council is our neighborhood. Please support it.**

**Thank you to the 88 people who voted in the recent election.**

## FAMILY HISTORY

Don't forget to take your tape recorder to your Thanksgiving Dinner. It is a great time to have the older family members share experiences from their younger years and memories of tales their parents told them. Our family heritage is something to be thankful for. Also consider giving the Gift of Family History this Christmas. Have adult siblings write about things they remember from their childhood. Post it online or print up and share it in a binder. It is the perfect gift for the person who has all they need or as a stocking stuffer. Look on the bulletin board outside the Relief Society room for the November classes at the Riverton Family History Center

## YOUNG WOMEN

- Nov. 3 Individual Activity Night
- Nov. 6 "Road show in a Day"
- Nov. 10 Projects
- Nov. 17 Combined YMYW—Ice Skating
- Nov. 21 BYC 4:10
- Nov. 24 No YW—help Mom with Thanksgiving
- Nov. 28 YW Sacrament Program

Dec. 1 Young Women in Excellence

We wish everyone a blessed Thanksgiving and we feel blessed to work with your wonderful daughters.

**Congratulations** to Trisha Williams on her upcoming marriage to Caleb Fullmer on November 17th. We wish you well Trisha and Caleb.

WE ARE SO HAPPY TO SEE **MARY BYE** BACK AT CHURCH AFTER HER LONG ABSENCE DUE TO HER FALLS AND REHABILITATION. WE MISS **MONTE** AND HIS FRIENDLY GREETINGS EACH WEEK. WE UNDERSTAND HE IS HAPPY IN HIS NEW HOME.

## RELIEF SOCIETY

Super Saturday was a huge success. We would like to thank the committee for all of their hard work in putting this together. We would also like to thank all of the sisters in the ward for all of the help and service they give to one another. It is nice to see how love and care is extended to those around us. This month we will be doing mints on November 18th. Please sign up if you would like to participate. It will be lots of fun like always.

This month is a great month to think about thankfulness. Try this month to tell someone how much you appreciate them. Try to say one prayer this month that just gives thanks for the many blessings you have received. Count each of your blessing and see how many you can come up with. If you stop to think about it, it will be amazing how long the list will be. Each of us have been blessed and watched over so much especially in our times of trials. May we always show the Lord and each other how grateful we are for what we have received.

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

## Willow Canyon 1st Ward Calendar

### November 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 •FHE	2	3 •YM/YW Activity Night	4 •Stake interviews by appointment	5	6 •Cub Scout Pow-wow •Stake Baptism •6:30 PM Roadshows in a Day
7 •Daylight Savings Time ends •Fast Sunday •CES Fireside for Young Adults	8 •FHE •12:30 PM Deseret Soap - RS	9	10 •YM/YW Activity Night •7:30 PM Young Single Adults Relief Society	11 •Veterans Day •Stake interviews by appointment •YW Volleyball Region Tournament Nov 11-18 •1:00 PM Sandy Home Storage •7:00 PM Scouting Zone Meeting •7:30 PM Scouting Roundtable - Stake Center	12	13 •Worldwide Leadership Training Meeting •YM & YW Regional Dance •9:00 AM Worldwide Leadership Training Broadcast to Stake Cntr.
14 •Bishop's Youth Council •7:00 AM Stake General Priesthood Mtg. •4:00 PM Missionary Correlation	15 •FHE	16 •6:00 PM Ward Sealing Session	17 •Combined YM/YW Activity Night	18 •YW Leadership Training - Conference Center •7:00 PM Relief Society Activity - Fernwood mints	19 •Scouting - Council Holiday Auction	20
21 •High Council Speakers •6:00 AM Bishops' Welfare Committee •7:00 AM Stake Bishops' Mtg. •7:30 AM Missionary Preparation Class	22 •FHE	23	24 •YM/YW Activity Night	25 •Thanksgiving Day	26	27
28 •4:00 PM Missionary Correlation •4:15 PM Ward Council Mtg. •4:30 PM HP Group Leaders Roundtable	29 •FHE	30				