

Tahquitz Ward Express

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We chronicle the partying and worshipping, comings and goings & general memory-making moments of our **GREAT** YSA Ward in Hemet. If you are missing, you

In other words...You snooze, You looze!!

You need us & we need you!—Do something brave today, venture out & don't be a wall flower! Go out of your way to make someone else's day better!—You have a lot to share, now's the time!

Tahquitz YSA news, future happenings & Casper's mission journal

Sunday services take place at 27020 Meridian St.

Sunday School/Priesthood at 12 pm

Sacrament meeting at 1 pm.

All FHEs —Park Hill Building at 7 pm, unless otherwise noted 1151 Park Ave, San Jacinto.

RIDES

Our ride coordinators are Keoni Buenavista (951-391-3007) and Eric Diaz (951-492-8202) Please contact either for help with rides. Give as much notice as possible.

FHE Assignments:

1st Monday - Gray

2nd - Stange

3rd - Van Jindelt

4th - Hartvigson

5th - Frosties & Fries

CFM

Gray, Stange, Diaz, Casper—(This is not week specific as we sometimes have a 5th Thursday)

Tahquitz Ward Newsletter Addresses and Info — Gray: 25355 Rockford St, Hemet—

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FHE

February—Battle of the Sexes (see Flyers)

2/5 Cupid's Bow Training

2/12 The Night Before Rizzmas

2/19 No FHE—President's Day

2/26 Finale: Love Heist

Colors to wear in February: Red, pink, black or white

We have such great activities. Please invite your friends!

COME FOLLOW ME

2/8 at Diaz's

2/15 at Casper's

2/22 at Gray's

2/29 at Stange's

OTHER DATES

2/6 (Tuesday) Relief Society activity at Laura's, 6:30 pm (512 Groveside Dr, SJ)

2/9 A Night in Barbie Land Valentines Dance, 8-11 pm, 3354 Eucalyptus Ave, Chino Hills (\$5 entry)

2/10 Blacklight V-Day Dance, 7-10 pm, 316 A Street, Bakersfield 93304

2/10 Stake Conference—4-5:30 Leadership training for all members of ward council and presidencies

7-9 pm Adult Session

2/11 Stake Conference—9 am Stake Choir Practice (wear black or gray if possible)

10-12 General Session

2/13 Family History night at stake center

2/16 Carnival of Love Valentines Day Dance, 8-12 pm, 7505 Garvalia Ave, Rosemead 91770 (\$10 entry)

2/17 Valentines YSA Dance, 8-11 pm, 440 N Loara St, Anaheim 93801

3/1-2 Ward Campout at Big Bear

TEMPLE DATES

2/16 (Fri) 6:30 pm Baptisms

5/17 (Fri) 6:30 pm Baptisms

Upcoming Relief Society lesson talks for our ward can be found on the home page of your Gospel Library App. If you can't locate it ask a member of the RS presidency for help.

MISSIONARY INVITE

This week find an opportunity to serve someone, physically or spiritually. Testify of Christ. Please share your experiences with the ward mission leader or the Caspers.

New callings!

Daniel Perez was called as 1st counselor in the Sunday School presidency

Good News!

Sunday:

Bishop Gray taught us that fasting (and paying fast offerings) not only helps care for others, but shows us that we can have control over our physical selves. This knowledge can make some of our problems seem not so insurmountable. He shared his incredible story of being healed by a priesthood blessing after falling from a ladder, breaking his back, becoming septic and enduring months of recovery. Another testimony of fasting encouraged us to fast with a purpose—for someone else, for ourselves, or to express gratitude. As we follow the Savior's example we will feel the Spirit more in our lives. Fasting brings the Spirit.

Other testimonies encouraged us to continue to pray and look a little harder for answers when they don't come right away. God does listen to us. If we pray with a sincere heart He will send manifestations of His love. Testimonies were shared of the restoration of the gospel through Joseph Smith (who was told by Moroni that his name would be had for good and evil), the power of reading the Book of Mormon daily (it testifies of Joseph Smith), and the value of listening to spiritual promptings. Thanks to all those who shared these powerful testimonies.

We celebrated the Chinese New Year with a break-the-fast, which was planned and executed by Violet, Evelyne and Sister Hartivgson. It was a real treat! Thanks to everyone who brought food and helped clean up. You are loved and needed!

QUOTES

Do not pray for easy lives. Pray to be stronger men.—John F Kennedy

In coming days, we will see the greatest manifestations of the Savior's power that the world has ever seen.—Russell M Nelson, Oct 2022

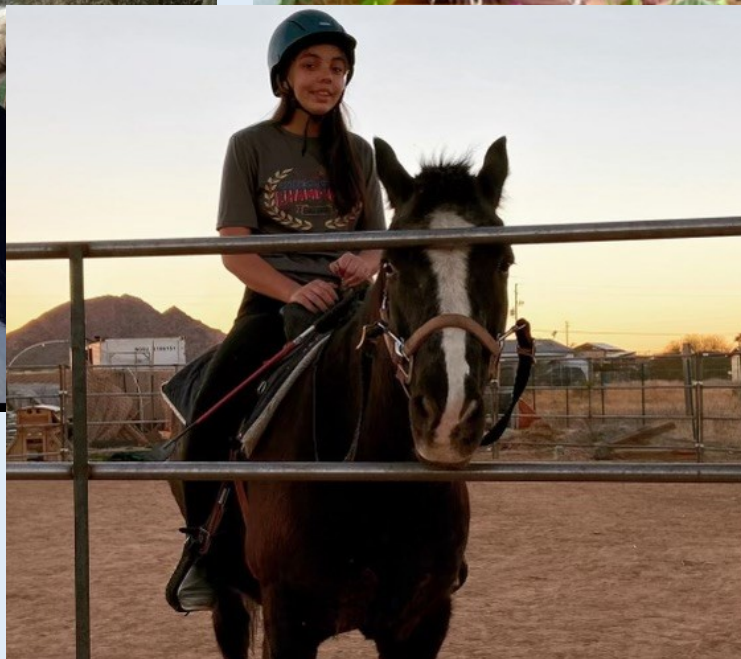
Spotlight—Elena Carbullido

I was born in Murrieta but I moved a lot as a kid so I didn't stay in one specific place. I have 5 siblings (2 sisters and 3 brothers). I am the middle girl in my family and I have 2 older brothers and 1 younger brother.

I do theater and I live on a farm. My plan for the future is to become an epidemiologist. I want to major in biology in college. I breed goats, chickens, ducks, and geese. I love being around baby animals. I am in vet science and living on a farm gives me practice so if I need a backup plan I can become a vet. I like to cook and bake. I'll usually take a random recipe and personalize it or sometimes I'll play with ingredients to make my own recipes. I like theater and I've been in quite a few plays and musicals.

My favorite hymn is I Need Thee Every Hour. This hymn reminds me that I'm not alone and that I can pray for comfort or answers whenever and I know when I'm ready my prayers will be answered.

We're so glad you are a part of our ward, Elena!



PICKLEBALL



FHE brought an introduction to our first pickleball tournament. It was fun and Elder Casper was excited to teach Isaac Collett a few little tricks about the game. Isaac is just getting started but if he hires Casper to be his personal trainer, it's possible he could qualify for the Special Olympics sometime down the road. They agreed he might be ready by 2052. Hopefully by then pickleball will be included in the Olympics.



Frosties & Fries was a hit as always. Isaac was not allowed to partake as he has just started training for the 2052 Special Olympics which might possibly be held in Hemet.

Bishop Gray just sent me this problematic picture. It has ruined my entire week... On the first day of training, Brother Collett broke his training. He imbibed a forbidden substance (A Frostie) and will probably be banned



from all future Special Olympics pickleball events. There is a slim outside chance it will be cleared out of his system by 2052. But if it continues, this type of behavior will negate any possibility of him having a successful future in any endeavor. You have now been warned, Isaac!



All in all, it was a fun night to try out the new pickleball court at the stake center. Special thanks to Raegyene, Benjamin, & Elena for all the fun FHE activities! Who knows how they cook up all these crazy events? Elder Casper suspects it might be Raegyene's little feral brother. The Bro confided to Bishop Gray that his big sister tickles him every week until he comes up with an activity for the following week that the FHE committee can take credit for.

Elder Casper would like to apologize if the previous details are a little off-kilter. He blames it on not being able to sleep because of worrying about Isaac's future. Hopefully the rest of this letter will be a little less wacky.



Tuesday included a trip to Ontario. The Caspers have been doing My Plan with Sister MacArthur. She is heading home to West Virginia on the next transfer. We thought the picture with the Exit sign would be appropriate since she will soon be Leaving on a Jet Plane. One of these days, she will probably become a Mountain Mama in West Virginia.

It is so good to see these stellar young people finish their mission in such great fashion! When you look around at all the youth who struggle, who would not want their kids to turn out like these great missionaries do? Their parents and families deserve kudos as well as the missionaries themselves.

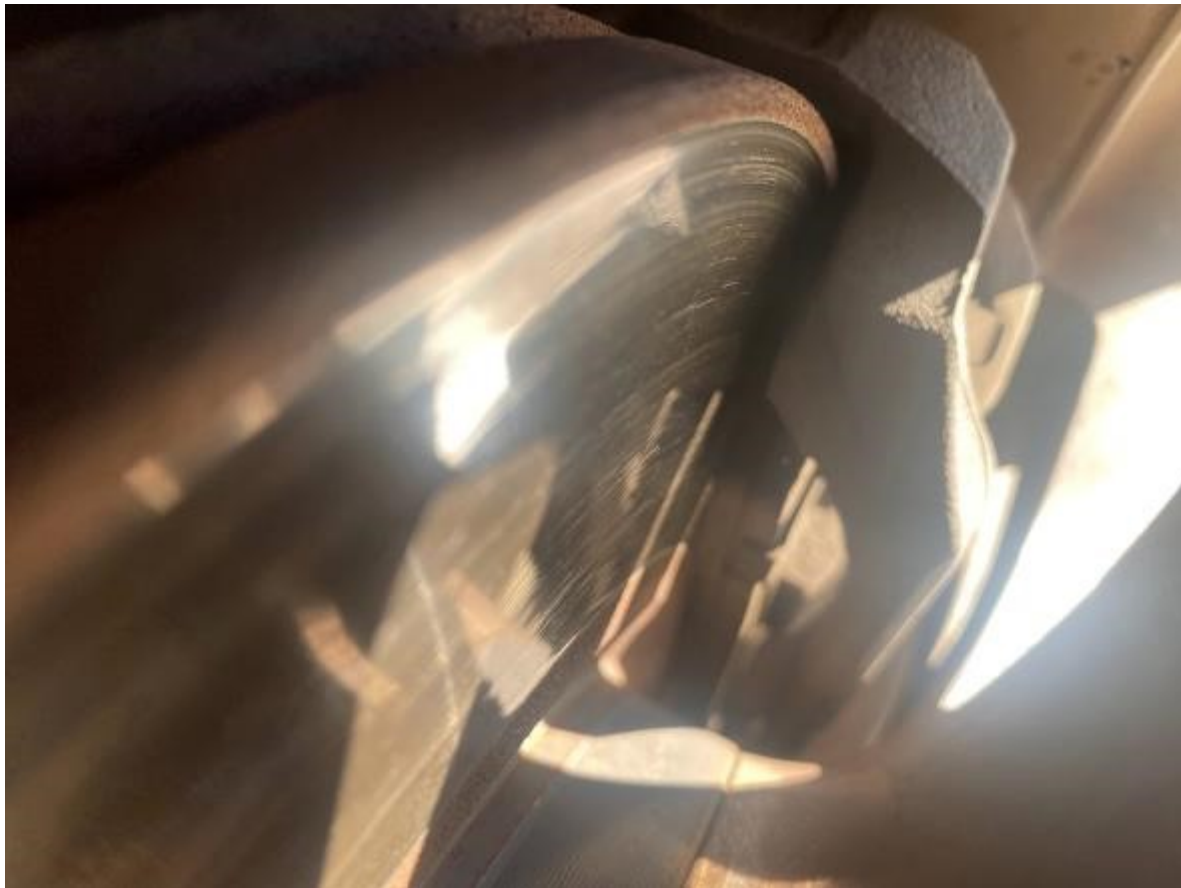
While in Corona, we noticed a street sign that must have been named for Sister Holt, a great sister we work with. She has been in Hemet off and on since the beginning of time, or at least since we've been here.

I'm hoping that the Hemet city fathers will understand how much we have impacted their fine city and maybe rename one of their park squirrels or stoplights after us. It might not happen right away but most likely after we both pass.



A couple of months ago I thought maybe my brake pads were getting thin.

I happened to remember it again when we were on our trip to Ontario. It was hard to tell since I don't have tools to easily take the tires off. So, I enlisted my phone to take pictures and it appeared it was



almost down to metal on metal. A couple of days driving in So Cal would render the calipers junk. I just wanted to slip some new pads on but after a couple of calls, couldn't find anyone that would do it. They wanted to do an entire brake job which would have taken me direct to Pauper's Prison.

So, at Sister Casper's suggestion, I called up a good friend in Hemet and asked if I could use a few of his tools. He said "Come on over!" I made a point of driving over in my white shirt and tie. I knew this would be instrumental in getting me out of the heavy labor.

An hour later, we had the pads changed out. What a blessing it is to have friends with tools! I don't want to name him or he'll be overrun with newsletter readers wanting freebies. He resisted my offer to take him and his wife to dinner but I'm not going to take No for an answer.

So this week, I'm looking for somebody with some free rope I can borrow so we can tie him and his wife up and take them to dinner. Call me if you have any rope or heavy chain. If you only have chain, I'll need a padlock too.

(This next part is to only be read by my brake man) Thanks Perley!



We are loving our English Connect experience! The spirit, comradery and feelings that come out of these classes are much better than any meetings I've ever experienced involving business or money or entertainment! What sweet and humble people we get to meet with! It reminds me of the scripture in the Book of Mormon...And behold, I tell you these things that ye may learn wisdom; that ye may learn that when ye are in the service of your fellow beings ye are only in the service of your God. Mosiah 2:17

Also the one in Matthew...Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me.



Another wonderful sunset in Hemet. This scene is further enhanced by the unique cracks & designs in the pavement that can be viewed almost anywhere in town.

Hemet's stoplights are a real patience builder. I voiced a concern on the Hemet Facebook page and was amazed by the replies. It seems I'm not the only one in town who feels like most of my travel time and gas money is spent while idling at red lights.

We were told not get talk politics while on this mission but I don't think grouching about red lights is all that political. I guess if I get a call from President Hendrickson, I'll disconnect my Hemet Facebook affiliation.



We took the Hartvigsons to dinner the other night. They are workhorses in the ward and have had us out to their place for dinner several times. They are full of fun information and like the Hawkins family back in our ward at home, they make me tired just watching them work. And no, that is not a beer bottle on the table.

Just another Hemet sunset, not *Just another Tequila sunrise*





Another takedown after Friday food distribution. Help is starting to diminish again so I've got an excuse to call President Evans one more time! I love talking to him!



Either someone punched an extra digit in the order or the couple getting this box brushes their teeth every 15 minutes, all day, every day & this is their 10 year supply.

We visited a dear sister Saturday night that we've not seen for several months. Sometimes when life is hard and some of the pieces don't fit like they should, love is a treasured commodity.

Friday nite found some hardy guys in the ward camping out in the rain. I discovered that evening that I have a disease called "The wicked witch of the west melting on a rainy day" syndrome. Therefore, I was unable to go. It sounds like they had a blast & didn't get to sleep till one or two. I'm going to do my best to keep this disease at least until the mission ends.



Another Break the Fast with an Oriental flair!





Choir practice for next Sunday's stake conference. Attendance doubled this very evening mostly because there is a sweet lady in this group that scared everyone to death. Earlier in the day these words were spoken..."If'n you don't show up at choir practice tonight, consider yourself dead to me." I know that's what motivated me!



Another miracle meeting tonight. Note the only lady in the group that's not smiling at me is also totally ignoring me! I lovingly call her Mrs. Oblivious for short!

More pictures from setting up the Winter Ball last week!



FHE Committee Presents

BATTLE OF THE SEXES

CUPID'S BOW TRAINING FEB. 5



SEEM'S CUPID NEEDS HELP!
COME TO CUPIDS BOW TRAINING TO
CAPTURE THE HEARTS OF LOVERS ALL
AROUND BUT WATCH OUT!
BETTER NOT TARGET THE WRONG HEART
OR THINGS WILL TURN OUT IN A
NOT-SO-LOVE AT FIRST SIGHT!
GOOD LUCK,
FATE IS IN YOUR HANDS



THE NIGHT BEFORE RIZZMAS FEB. 12

DO YOU WANT TO TEST IF YOU GOT ANY
RIZZ?

OR DO YOU WANT TO SEE IF YOU CAN
MAKE SOMEONE BLUSH BY SAYING A
CHEESY LINE?

NOW IT'S YOUR CHANCE TO DO SO
BEFORE VALENTINE'S DAY!

A NIGHT FULL OF CHEESY, CLEVER,
CLEAN, YET CRINGY PICK-UP LINES!

LET'S SEE WHAT YOU GOT UP YOUR
SLEEVE,

OR I MUST SAY FROM YOUR HEART





NO FHE: PRESIDENT'S DAY FEB. 19



FINALE: LOVE HEIST FEB. 26

IT'S TIME TO SEE WHO WILL WIN AT THIS
FINALE!

WHO WILL TAKE HOME THE HEART TROPHY?

WILL IT BE THE BOYS OR THE GIRLS?

YOUR TEAM HAS TO COMPLETE THE LOVE
HEIST OR ELSE, YOU ALL HAVE TO PAY THE
PRICE.

BETTER STEAL THE HEARTS BEFORE TIME
RUNS OUT!



INVITE FRIENDS, CRUSH, OR LOVER TO ENJOY THE
BATTLE OF THE SEXES THIS MONTH!

FHE NIGHTS ARE FULL OF FUN AND LAUGHTER!
THE FHE COMMITTEE CAN'T WAIT TO SEE YOU ALL
THERE!



Location: Park Hill Building

Time: 7 pm

Colors to wear: Red, Pink, White and Black



