

Tahquitz Ward Express

YSA Weekly Invitational—The wise never skip our events!

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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 are missing out!

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 Doug Jindra (951-438-3117) and Keoni Buenavista (951-391-3007). Please contact them for help with rides. Give them as much notice as possible.

FHE Assignments:

1st Monday - Gray

2nd - Stange

3rd - Van Jindelt

4th - Hartvigson

5th - Frosties & Fries

CFM

Stange

Casper

Diaz

Gray—(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

9/25 Lego Communication and Oogity Boogity Bop

10/2 No FHE

10/23 Murder Mystery Dinner Night

COME FOLLOW ME—No CFM this week

9/29-10/2 Trip to Utah for General Conference. Sorry, too late to sign up. **Meet at stake center (south side) at 6:30 am for prompt departure at 7 am.**

10/28 Halloween Dance Chino Hills 10/28 Commemorative Halloween blowout at Hartvigson Ranch, includes food, haunted barn, dance and “scary” movie. Starts at 6 pm.

11/5 Devotional with Elder Gary E. Stevenson, 7 pm Escondido Stake Center, 2255 Felecita Rd. Meet at stake center for carpool. Watch GroupMe for meeting time.

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Good News:

There are lots of exciting things happening in our ward. On Sunday, we welcomed some new faces—Elijah Dalisay, Tricia Tadlock, and Evelyne Aponte (who has recently moved back to Hemet from Florida as a new convert). We also have two new missionaries—Elder Juncker and Sister Hatley (who replaced Elder Davis and Sister Holt). It was good to see Miller as well. Rumor has it that Cole Phipps and Isaac Smith will shortly be returning from missions in St George, Utah and Orlando, Florida. Madi Phipps will be leaving us to go to Idaho. That's not good news for our ward, but it is for her! Michael Baez is also off to school and will be missed!

If you have any good news you'd like to share, please let us know.

QUOTES

“You are the captain of your life, and God has prepared a plan to bring you safely back to Him, to your divine destination.”—Dieter F. Uchtdorf

Spotlight: Christina Vera Mae Van Jindelt

Christina (Tina) was born and raised in Hemet. She was a Hemet High Bulldog! One of her favorite classes in high school was called “Yes We Can.” In this class she spent time helping kids with special needs, especially with socialization. She still likes to help others.

Growing up in the foster care system was not easy, but being fostered by the Van Jindelts and then adopted by them at age 11 was a great blessing in her life. She was baptized by her adoptive father Jeff around that time. She has nine siblings—three adoptive and six biological.

Tina is honest and real and a good person to talk to. She’s trying to learn how to crochet, but says she is not gifted with patience. Reading used to be a bigger passion than it is now. She has read all the books on her bookshelf (and more) except, she says, the complete works of Shakespeare. She particularly likes the Michael Vey series by Richard Paul Evans.

Playing “Township” on her tablet, listening to music and watching movies are some things she likes to do. Some of her favorite singers are NF and Halsey and her favorite genres of movies are comedies and yes, horror. She only watches horror movies up to a certain level of scariness, always in the daytime, and nothing with clowns! She sleeps with three stuffed animals to keep her from getting too scared.

Currently Tina is working at Carl’s Jr and is looking forward to visiting her boyfriend of five years, Antony, at the beginning of November—in New Zealand. Talk about a long distance relationship! In the future she hopes to move to New Zealand to work and get married.

Something you might not know about Tina is that she has a backwards “L” on her stomach. The L is formed by two scars from two different surgeries—and she also has puncture wound scars on the bottom of her foot from stepping on a rake. Ouch!

Tina’s favorite hymn is the primary song “When I am Baptized” (or the “rainbow” song, as she calls it). She says it is pretty and uplifting and makes her feel closer to religion. We love you, Tina!







My cousin Suzie lost her husband a couple of months ago. We met her in Lake Elsinore for breakfast. She's over 80, still sells real estate and is pretty darn sharp. She was driving by herself to Utah to visit some other cousins. It was nice to talk about all the old times.



We gave blood at the stake center. The general response to the blood draw was underwhelming but my personal response when the needle appeared was overwhelming. A couple of decades ago, when you gave blood, you walked in the door and a minute or two later the red stuff started dripping into the bag and then you were done.



Now, you walk in the door and get the grand inquisition about all your romantic interests, relationship timelines and gender preferences. The interview took much longer than the actual blood draw. I asked if my boyfriend could hold my hand while I donated and they said "Sure". I asked around but nobody was willing except Sister Casper.

Sunday:

After some really great lessons in RS and EQ, we were privileged to hear from Bishop and Sister Dunn (Echo Hills ward) on the Atonement of Jesus Christ and Repentance. We can access the power of the Atonement every day through (among other things)—loving, forgiving, serving as Christ did, repenting, keeping covenants and enduring to the end. We are here on earth to have experiences, including failures. Repentance gives us second chances, and third chances . . . We should be excited every day to jump out of bed and repent. No one is unfixable. It is the Plan of Salvation NOT the plan of condemnation.



We had a great week! In all our years of marriage, Sister Casper has never enjoyed games that involve a ball. Monday night she got out and played 9 Square and had a blast! I had a blast just watching her be less self-conscious. It was a night that will be forever imprinted on our minds. Don't tell her but I'm signing her up to play semi-pro softball this spring. Who says you can't teach an old dog new tricks?



I found this picture from a couple of years ago. We took care of some grandkids in Arizona. This was during a church meeting. I think we set some kind of a record by having 4 kids all sprawled out on the floor while Michele took care of them. Either that or she was trying to find some room on the floor that she could nestle into.

We had a very productive week. Played music and did some proselyting.

On Saturday we had a day of service for Hemet & San Jacinto. Over 200 volunteers from the stake took on 26 different projects to clean Hemet up.

The morning started off with a bang. They said there would be a big breakfast to start the project off and it would be ended with a big barbeque lunch.

The lunch was great but I was a little disappointed in breakfast! I didn't eat for a good part of Friday in preparation for the promised breakfast Saturday morning. When we arrived, this was breakfast →

I think I saw several grown men in the group of 200 that were crying. I know I fainted several times before lunch rolled around.



Elder Casper's Dream (Optional Read because it's really not that great.)

My Saturday night/early Sunday morning was filled with false realities. At the time, it seemed absolutely real. But by Monday morning, I was no longer concerned about Brother Tadlock.

Once in a while in marriage, there's little problems that crop up that need to be addressed. We've been married almost 45 years (February) and have had a few run ins. Usually these issues are centered around food. Sister Casper seems to think I could stand to lose a few pounds and I feel she should bring home a few extra pounds from the grocery store. Saturday night found us in the unpleasant situation of our cupboards being bare of everything I like and stocked to the gills with everything Sister Casper likes. A few unpleasantries were sounded and then we kissed and made up. (Figuratively)

A few minutes later, Sister Casper must have felt bad because she brought in a can of cashews she had stashed. I immediately forgave her for trying to starve me. I told her I loved her and then got to business popping the top of the nut can. Long story short, within a half an hour, the can was empty.

When I eat too much of anything, I often conjure up dreams and once in a while a nightmare.

Later that night, I dreamt that I awoke with a start realizing Stephen Tadlock, the Tahquitz Elder's Quorum President, somehow was trapped under a large roll-up door at my carwash in Basin City, WA. Erik Diaz from our bishopric had called and informed me earlier about Stephen's problem. He was with Stephen but had no idea how to free him. I was puzzled because I had no idea they were going to Basin City from Hemet CA. And how in the world did they open the roll-up door when I locked it before heading out for the mission field? In my dream, I woke up with this problem.

But I guess I really hadn't woke up because I called Bishop Gray. He wasn't home so Sister Gray got my story....

"Stephen is trapped under..." reality kept coming in and out and skewed my dream because at Valley Restart, Stephen was there and he hadn't said a thing about being trapped under the door all day. So then I told Ann "Well maybe he isn't under the door. I'm going to drive up and check and see. I'll call you back."

I called Erik and told him I would be right up to help. I asked Siri how long it was going to take to drive to Basin City and she told me a round trip was a little over 34 hours. I had a few things to do first and then I would head north to show them how to raise the door and get the pressure off Stephen's legs. He wasn't in terrible pain but they could not get him out. But first, (as really happened on Saturday), we went to the Day of Service and were busy from 7-2. Then we did the Valley Restart thing serving food to the homeless from 4 to almost 7. Later that night, I dreamt that I remembered that I had forgotten about Stephen and he was probably still stuck under the door.

After I hung up, I realized that I was in Hemet CA and my carwash was in Basin City WA. So why did Stephen and Erik drive to Basin City in order for Stephen to get trapped? Then I started worrying that Ann was going to tell Bishop Gray that I had a crazy story and there was a good chance that Elder Casper was a total flake but on the off chance he wasn't a flake he better drive to Ben's carwash and help rescue Stephen.

About then, I started waking up and digesting all the aspects of this crazy dream. I realized it was all a dream but like Ann, I realized I really am a flake but I better get started thinking about who I could call in Basin City to make sure Brother Tadlock wasn't trapped under the car wash rollup door.

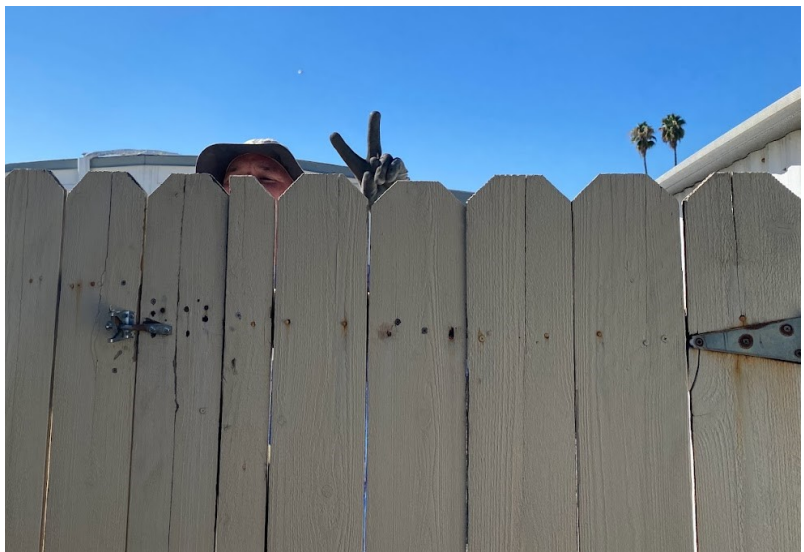
Then, on Sunday morning I really did wake up and reality told me that Stephen was fine since we had seen and worked with him the prior eve.

Now, I'm realizing that Ann really was right and I am a total flake. A little private information...In the early days of our marriage, I more than once told my dear wife Michele that she was a Dream Dasher. I could have used her Saturday nite!



So on the day of service, we got teamed up with several others and helped a lady who is dealing with a debilitating illness. We got a lot done and accomplished a lot as a team, even if my stomach growled the whole time. At one point, I felt like I was on Home Improvement and had a front row seat as I conversed with a guy who said his name was Wilson. He wouldn't tell me where Tim the Toolman was.

There were 3 or 4 big dumpsters filled by the time we finished. A lot of good was accomplished! And the lunch far surpassed the breakfast!

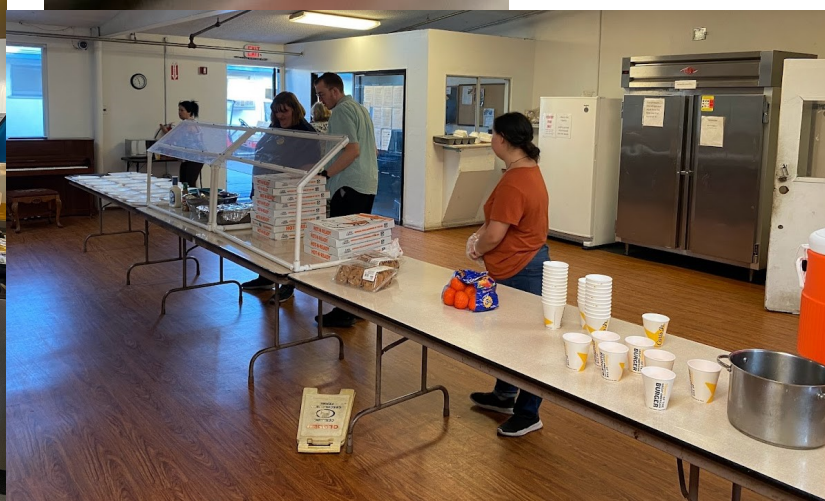


Later on that evening, we went to Valley Restart and put together meals to help some who are less fortunate. It was a humbling experience. I met a lady name Rosie who stays and helps there. She said she had been on meth for the last 34 years but had been clean for the last 3 months. She was personable and sweet and I wished her the best.

She is planning on getting her own little place. I hope she does. She said she had never once quit before so I'm thinking she's going to beat this monster.

I was assigned to drum up the drinks. As I went over to the sink, I noticed another cockroach in the sink. Rosie walked by and I asked if she had even seen roaches around? She said no. Maybe I brought the sucker in!

I plunked the 5-gallon cooler down in the sink and started mixing up the drink. After a few seconds I was startled to see the item I thought I had crunched in the bottom of the sink was happily doing the backstroke in a lake of ice and lemonade. I have no idea how he made that transition.



Most of the ward is going to General Conference in Salt Lake this next week-end. This was our planning meeting yesterday. A lot of work has gone into the planning. It should be a great trip! Some of our young single adults have never been out of the state of California.



On my bike ride this morning, I happened upon a real hypocrite....



GENERAL CONFERENCE



FRIDAY SEPT. 29 - MONDAY
OCT. 2



ALL INFORMATION
REGARDING THIS
TRIP IS READY TO BE
SHARED WITH THOSE
WHO ARE GOING!
ANY QUESTIONS
PLEASE CONTACT

Meeting at the Stake Center on Friday from 6:30-
6:45 am for the trip and leaving promptly at 7!

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