

AKRON OHIO STAKE

Family History Corner



by Jeanne Peugh, Director

Share Your Experiences

Several years ago we decided to go to the place of my father's childhood, and before we left, I was able to obtain a phone book. After I got home, I was impressed to look up the last name of my father, and decided to call the person I found listed. The man that I spoke with put me in contact with an elderly lady of 94 who happened to be the granddaughter of my great-great grandfather. We made an appointment to visit her and through her niece I was able to get four generations back into Germany and pictures of my great-great grandparents. It wasn't too long

afterwards that both of them passed away. By following the spirit to make this contact on my father's line I was blessed.

We invite you to share your experiences with family history and temple work on our Family History Corner every other month.

It gives us an opportunity to see how the Lord helps all of us do this sacred work.

If you would like to share your experiences, please forward them to Jeanne Peugh at djpeugh@sbcglobal.net.

We ask that your articles be 150 words or less.

Stake Presidency Message



from
President
Laubaugh

<https://youtu.be/zY6vx903wJl>

***Hello, Akron Stake!
Have you had a great experience while working on building spiritual and temporal self-reliance?
We would love to hear about it and share it with others!
Include a picture if you have one.
Send us a message through our social accounts***



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Instagram

@akronohiostake

Upcoming Dates

- Saturday, August 11 - Stake Summer's End Youth Picnic/West Branch Reservoir 2-5 p.m.
- Sunday, August 12 - LDS Child Loss Group/Stark's home, 230 Cherry Hill Dr, Wadsworth 7 p.m.
- Sunday, August 19 - Pathway Graduation/Akron 7-9 p.m.
- Sunday, August 26 - Tallmadge Ward Conference
- Sunday, September 2 - Fast Sunday
- Sunday, September 9 - LDS Child Loss Group/Stark's home, 230 Cherry Hill Dr, Wadsworth 7 p.m.
- Sunday, September 9 - Worldwide Devotional Broadcast for Young Adults 8-9 p.m.
- Saturday, September 22 - Quad Stake Youth Dance/Kirtland 7-10 p.m.
- Sunday, September 23 - Wadsworth Ward Conference
- Sunday, September 30 - Fast Sunday
- Sunday, September 30 - Wooster Ward Conference
- Saturday, October 6 - General Conference: Morning Session 12-2 p.m., Afternoon Session 4-6 p.m.; General Women's Session 8-9:30 p.m.
- Sunday October 7 - General Conference: Morning Session 12-2 p.m., Afternoon Session 4-6 p.m.
- Saturday October 13 - Quad Stake Youth Dance/Tallmadge 7-10 p.m.
- Sunday, October 14 - LDS Child Loss Group/Stark's home, 230 Cherry Hill Dr, Wadsworth 7 p.m.
- Sunday, November 4 - Fast Sunday

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Akron Stake Young Women Camp

The Akron Stake Young Women Camp was held July 16-20. Nearly 150 young women and leaders attended this year. We could not have asked for better weather. Many of us were concerned with how hot it would be in mid-July but with temperatures in the 70s we were tremendously blessed and pleased. The rain stayed away until we were almost ready to leave for the week on Friday afternoon. We had wisely packed up first thing in the morning.



Our Stake Camp Director Sister Jordan Bigler and her assistant Sister Holly Greer spent countless hours preparing all the special details that make camp with a successful experience for all of the young women and leaders. They are simply amazing and inspired!



The 2018 camp theme was *Trolls* - *I'm not giving up today!* We also used the 2018 youth theme, *Learn of me, and listen to my words; walk in the meekness of my Spirit, and you shall have peace in me*, Doctrine and Covenants 19:23 as our scripture. The camp song was *Steadfast In You* by Jenny Phillips.

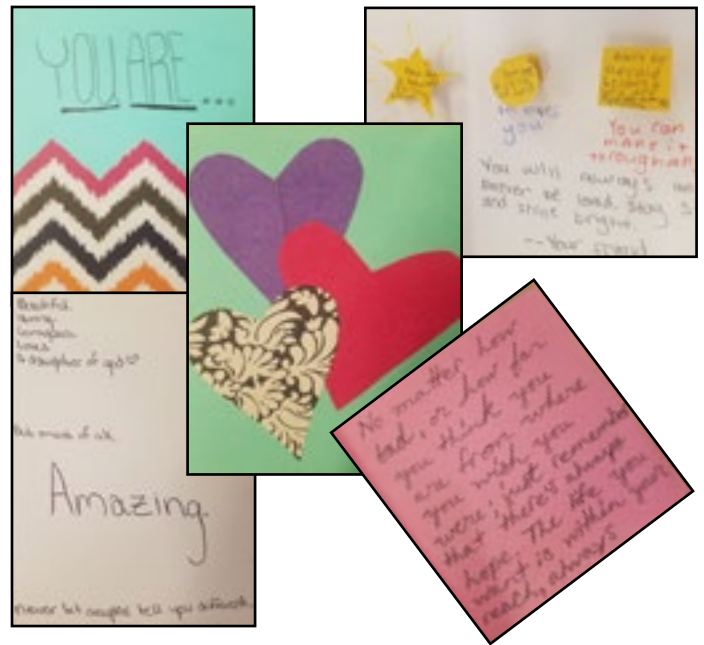
The girls arrived on Tuesday morning eager to get started. Most of the morning consisted of setting up camp and meeting the girls and leaders in each campsite. We camped by levels so the young women are mixed in with other in the stake not just ward members. That evening we had a beautiful spiritual presentation about the different parts of Lehi's dream. The spirit could be felt so strongly as we put away the world and focused on the things our Heavenly Father wants us to learn.

Wednesday started bright and early with Sister Shannon Stiggins leading all those who were interested through a vibrant Zumba class. What a great start to the day! We were able to leave the camp for several hours and spend the afternoon at a local waterpark. It was a fun change from the canoeing that we did the last several years. Wednesday night was skit presentations and Bishops/Bishopric night. Each year level participated in an original skit



for all to watch. Each group was given a bag of eight random items that had to be incorporated in to a skit. The Bishops/Bishopric even participated. Many laughs were had by all. Following the skits, each ward grouped together around a campfire and had a devotional lead by their Bishop/Bishopric. Many of the young women and leaders commented afterward about the strong witness of the spirit that was felt while at the individual devotionals. Once we finished up our devotionals, we were able to experience a late night movie, *Trolls*, in the amphitheater with popcorn and ring pops. Thursday started with more Zumba and an even bigger crowd than the day before. Sister Shannon Stiggins is a great instructor.

Each year we participate in some kind of service project while at camp. This year we partnered with



the O.U.R. organization. This stands for Operation Underground Railroad. The organization, started by an LDS member, rescues individuals from abusive situations. Part of the rescue effort involves the person being given a welcome package. This package includes toiletries and a note of encouragement. The Young Women hand made cards for rescued individuals. They will be sent to O.U.R. after camp. While you could only sign the card with your first name or your initials, the girls were able to write things like, "You are a child of God," "You are loved," "You are of worth." The young women were creative as they decorated the cards. The cards were a beautiful work of art. We know these will make a difference in the lives of those who receive them. Thursday evening ended with a spiritual musical

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program and individual campsite testimony meetings. Testimonies were shared by all and there was seldom

a dry eye. Watching the Young Women and leaders interact together through games, activities, spiritual lessons, and meal times you see how magical young women camp really is. Strangers are grouped together for the week and lasting friendships are formed. The Spirit of the Holy Ghost abounds and each of us is able to see and feel the Lord's plan for us. In a world of increasing unrighteousness, we can gather together and have our true identity as Daughters of God reinforced. As we look back on these experiences, the memories will help us remain steadfast and strong in the gospel.

Love,
Becky Semus
Margie Morrison
Jessica Spittle


BRECKSVILLE HOME STORAGE CENTER SPECIALS

July 1 to August 31
Macaroni & Regular Oats
 Macaroni: 30-year shelf life.
 A 3 lb. can is \$2.25 or
 a case of 6 cans is \$13.50
 Regular Oats: 30-year shelf life.
 A 2.8 lb. can is \$2.75 or
 a case of 6 cans is \$16.50

Hopefully many of you are enjoying the summer. Can you believe we are already going into August. How quick the summer months go. Elder and Sister Juhasz and Elder and Sister Carpenter
 6900 Southpointe Parkway, Suite C
 Brecksville, Ohio 44141
 440-526-4057
 Wednesday–Thursday 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.


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September 8, 2018
 9:00 am – 4:00 pm
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August 1 to September 30
White Beans & Granola
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 a case of 6 cans is \$27.00
 Granola: 1-year shelf life.
 A 2 lb. pouch is \$6.50 or
 a case of 16 cans is \$104.00

Back to 
 Service

Make service part of this school year
 Visit JustServe.org to find opportunities to volunteer



Ward Window

~ Akron ~

submitted by Sister Vanné Callahan

Mitzvah Day 2018

The Akron Ward of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints has been involved with Mitzvah Day for the past three years. Sponsored by Temple Israel of Akron, Mitzvah Day is a day of service. Mitzvah means “commandment” or “a good deed done from religious duty.” This year 15 churches provided “good deeds” through 18 projects for the community. The Akron Ward was involved in six of those projects.

Mitzvah Day was held on Sunday, June 3. In order to keep the Sabbath Day holy, most of the projects done by the Akron Ward were fulfilled on other days of the week. Then volunteers from other churches finished the work on the actual Mitzvah Day.

One of the projects was the Linus Blanket Project that provides a blanket to each child who is admitted to Akron Children Hospital. The Akron Ward young women made 20 blankets, and 20 more were completed by Relief Society sisters, for a total of 40 blankets given to the hospital program.

Another project was Sewing for Haiti. This project provides dresses made out of pillowcases for little girls in Haiti. There is a lot of prep work before the

dresses can be sewn, so the young women cut out, pinned, and prepared 12 dresses at their activity day on May 16. On Mitzvah Day, seamstresses were able to come in and start sewing right away on the dresses the young women had prepared. A total of 20 dresses were completed on Mitzvah Day to be sent to girls in Haiti.



The next project involved making cookies for families at the Ronald McDonald House. The Relief Society sisters made dry mixes for 50 dozen chocolate chip cookies and 50 dozen sugar cookies. A total of 86 dozen cookies were completed and presented to The Ronald McDonald House at the end of the day on June 3.

The fourth project was to create picnic table kits for Habitat for Humanity. Each home that Habitat for Humanity builds for those in need includes a picnic table for the backyard. Members of the Elders quorum cut wood, drilled holes, and counted out

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screws, nuts, and bolts, creating four picnic table kits that were finished by youth and adults during Mitzvah Day.

Brother Pat and Sister Vanné Callahan were asked to be project leaders for the Brookdale Assisted Living Home. Residents who live there don't have the opportunity to get out very often. On Saturday June 2, volunteers put together flower pots with impatiens and begonias for the residents to have in their rooms. On Sunday, several volunteers played uplifting music for the residents. Both projects were enjoyed by the residents, and the volunteers were asked to come back next year.



A thank you dinner was held at the end of the day on Sunday June 3, and the Akron Ward provided bread. At the dinner, each project leader was asked to give a brief talk on how their project went. The last project leader to speak said that "even though this was Mitzvah Day weekend, it was Mitzvah Day week for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints."

MISSIONARY LEAVING

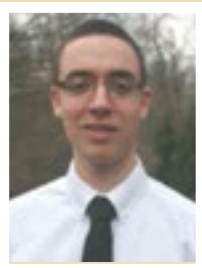


**TRAVIS DAWSON
HUFFERAKER**
22 AUGUST 2018
FOR
CALIFORNIA RANCHO
CUCAMONGA MISSION

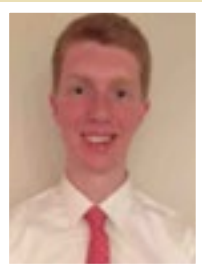
MISSIONARIES RETURNING



**JACOB LANDON
BECK**
7 AUGUST 2018
FROM
SPAIN BARCELONA
MISSION



**NATHANIEL CARVER
RYDEN**
15 AUGUST 2018
FROM
CANADA CALGARY
MISSION



**JAKE RUSSELL
STRATE**
24 AUGUST 2018
FROM
JAPAN SENDAI
MISSION

Self-Reliance Spotlight

Stake Update

As mentioned last month, for the next round of self-reliance groups we are working with the Ward and Branch Leaders to host localized Devotionals to facilitate bringing the blessings of these groups closer to each of you. This localized approach will allow for each Ward and Branch Council to customize their timing and approach to best meet their needs. Although the actual timing will vary by unit, we expect groups will begin again over the coming months. Check with your local leaders for details.

Principle #9 – Communicate: Petition and Listen

"Your soul will be blessed as you learn to listen, then listen to learn from children, parents, partners, neighbors, and Church leaders..." The purpose of both temporal and spiritual self-reliance is to get ourselves on higher ground so that we can lift others in need."

President Russell M. Nelson,
"Listen to Learn," *Ensign*, May 1991

Invitation

- 1) Identify a few important conversations you'd like to have (including personal prayers)
- 2) Practice the steps of active listening: 1) Concentrate, 2) Appreciate, 3) Review, 4) Ask
- 3) Reflect on how those conversations went; what have you learned

Learn more within the *My Foundation* workbook on srs.lds.org