

100th  
Edition!!  
Wow!

# Happy Happenings

April 2008

The Family Reunion is coming right up. Here are some assignments:

Lynn and Mom - Help gather supplies  
Larry and Jill - Service Project  
Lisa and Steve - Planning  
Leslie and Greg - Service Project  
Laura and Greg - Games  
Lawson and Kelly - Planning  
Loreen and Todd - FHE  
Lana and Aaron - FHE

If this meal assignment doesn't work for you, please trade with someone and let Lisa or Lawson know! Also, let us know what supplies/dishes you will need to fix your meals so we can have them there for you.

Meals:

Monday Dinner: Laura  
Tuesday Breakfast: Lawson  
Tuesday Lunch: Lisa  
Tuesday Dinner: Larry  
Wednesday Breakfast: Lana  
Wednesday Lunch: Loreen  
Wednesday Dinner: Leslie  
Thursday Breakfast: Everyone (We will see what is left over - then all chip in \$ if we need to go to Wal Mart to buy something)  
Paper Supplies: Lynn and Mom

Cousin gift exchange  
for 2008:

Jeff	Jaxon
Brianna	Dixon
Ondylyn	Rix
Zac	Tanner
Cason	Jeff
Tanner	Broox
Thayne	Caleb
Landon	Jancy
Meguire	Brittney
Brittney	Riley
Hannah	Landon
Aubrey	Thayne
Caleb	Cason
Jaxon	Aubrey
Jancy	Zac
Broox	Ondy
Dixon	Hannah
Rix	Meguire
Riley	Brianna



It's Family Reunion time again!! We have chosen to gather at a resort at Big Rock Candy Mountain in Marysville, Utah. Please look at the web site [www.candymountainresort.com](http://www.candymountainresort.com) for info on the type of cabin your family reserved to see what is provided (towels, bedding...). Go to Lodging, Paiute Trail Resort, then either the log or miner's cabins. This site also gives you a map to the resort. We can check in on Mon. June 30 (2:00 pm) and stay till Thur. July 3 (11:00). Here is a list of some of the activities we found in the area. The only one we will formally plan is the Canyon on Gold tour so those that need to can rent ATV's. **We plan to do this on Tuesday, so please let Lisa know if you want to rent ATV's.** Other than that, choose what your family would like to do!

Go to [www.marysvale.org](http://www.marysvale.org), left side of page, click on Attractions then look at:

\* Paiute ATV Trail (plus more photos of the trail shown at the bottom of the page \*All the Photo's...)

\* Canyon of Gold (this is the one that my friend did with their family reunion and enjoyed it – also the one they used ATV's for – the day we would rent for those who don't have four-wheelers)

-There are 9 stops (you can look at the brochure on the site). Stop #9 is Miner's Park "a quarter mile trail takes you through displays and exhibits of authentic mining equipment from the 1800's and 1900's. There is a fully furnished cabin, a two-seater outhouse, and a blacksmith's shop". There are picnic tables available, so we could have lunch there.

-Also there is a scenic walk, 2 mile roundtrip, "that takes you to an overlook above Bullion Canyon Water Falls (or Marysvale Falls). These 50 foot falls are especially spectacular in early summer when runoff swells the volume of the creek". (which is when we would be there)

-It also looks like those who wanted could do a 10 mile auto tour with "breathtaking scenery".

\*The Silver King Mine

\*Fishing (for those interested)

\*Otter Creek and Piute Lake State Parks (fishing and swimming??)

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\*Freemont Indian State Park (Steve & I went to this – some very interesting, but the group wouldn't want to do it all) "12 trails lead you into legend and history depicted through pictographs and petroglyphs." Can picnic.

-Example – Trail #5 Parade of Rock Art starts at the visitors center, is .3 miles, takes about 15 min, and is on an easy cement path, wheelchair and stroller access, lot of rock art.

-Other trails range from easy to moderate to steep in places - .25 miles to 2 miles – so families could choose.

-No charge for trails hikes. \$6.00/family for museum and film (we didn't do the museum).

Go to <http://www.so-utah.com/no89/maryvale/homepage.html>, Marysvale Working Loom Museum I know not many would want this, but it is there in the town and free!

\*A rag rug factory established in 1929, has 8 antique looms in use. Slogan "We still make them like we use to."

Free Demos Mon.-Sat. 9:00am – 5:00pm

Other possibilities:

\*Hiking (Marysvale Water Falls...)

\*Biking (paved trail along the river, at campsite, on Paiute Trail...)

\*Whitewater Rafting (look on our [www.candymountainresort.com](http://www.candymountainresort.com) site - \$20 each)

\*Float Trip – no whitewater (same site - \$10 each, fun with "water cannons" on a mellow ride)

\*ATV Trail (same site - there is a place to get on the trail right off of our cabin sites – seems like the kids could do a lot of riding, biking....)

\*Fishing (same site - Sevier River – the river at the Big Rock Candy Mountain Resort, stocked Trout Pond at the resort...)

\*Golf Course in Richfield (Cove View – 18 holes, about 20-30 min. away)

\*Paiute Reservoir (South of Marysvale, boating, fishing, picnicking, water skiing, some sites say yes to swimming, some say no?-\$15 for a 5 day pass–look for a better place?)

\*Creek (there is a nice creek at our camp site with very little water, lined with shade trees – great for the young kids)

\*Slip & Slide (the lady at the site said she had one that the kids could use in the grassy area by the Miner's cabins)

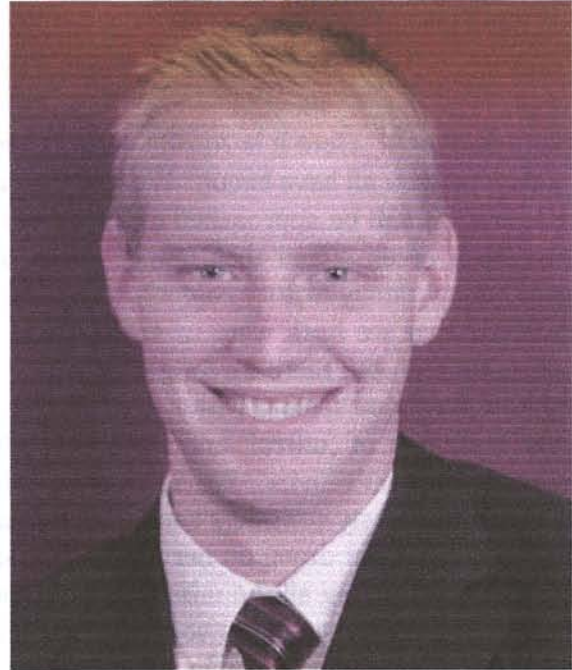
\*Butch Cassidy's Boyhood Home (35 miles south - probably not seeing how he was an outlaw and all!!)

\*\*There is a Wal-Mart in Richfield (about 20-30 min. away) which may be good for people cooking on the last days

# The Piersons

Here is the information about Cory's mission:

Elder Cory Pierson  
Virginia Richmond Mission  
Leaves June 11, 2008  
Speaks in Sacrament Meeting Sunday, June 8 at 9:00  
am – we will serve lunch and treats after the block.  
Everyone is invited!!



Hello from the Pierson's! Life is busy here. We are enjoying some Spring weather (except for the snow we got recently!) Jared and Riley love being outside. They are real buddies – they both enjoy basketball, watching diggers, going to the park, watching Curious George and Thomas. They are cute together. Riley can be a real tease, and loves to get Jared. One night they were in a bubble bath together. Riley was teasing Jared so bad that Jared was begging me to get him out of his tub!!

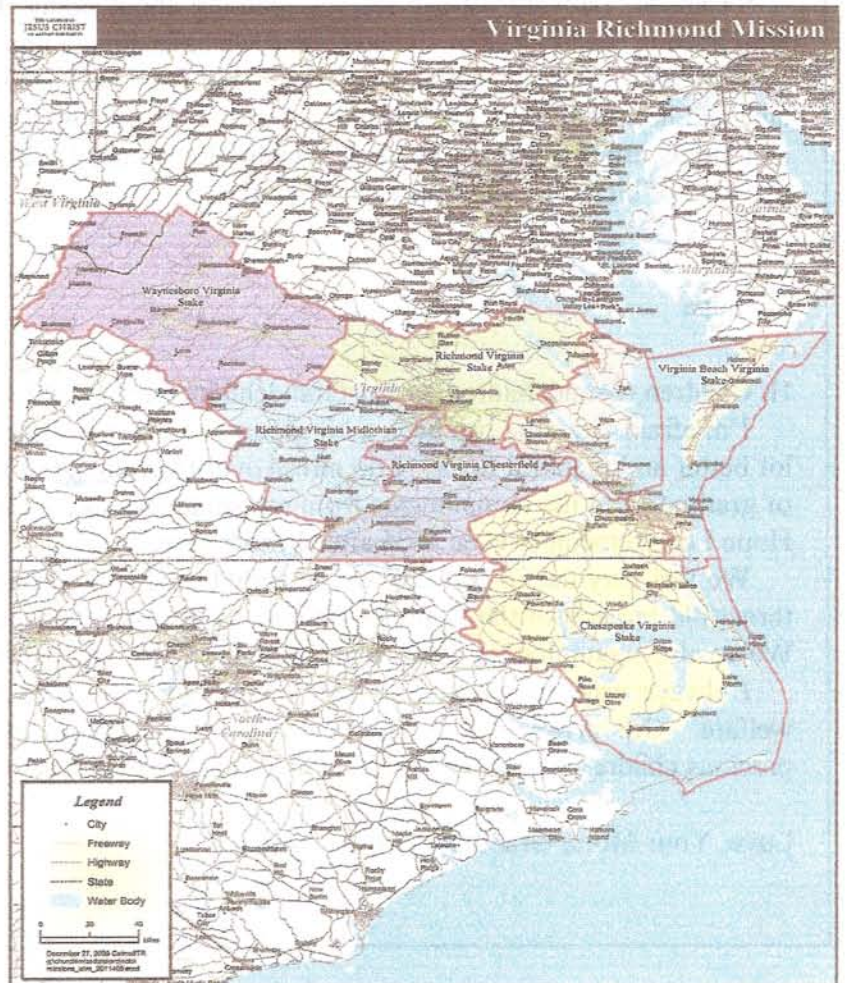
Christie has less than two months now till the new baby (boy) comes!! She is doing well. Dave's foot continues to heal. It still swells and gets sore, but he is walking (hobbling?) on it.

Jenny is running a 10 mile race this Sat. getting ready for her second half marathon in the middle of April. I don't understand why anyone would want to do that, but I am impressed!! She is real excited about her cruise the end of April.

Cory will finish this school term the end of April. He says he is ready for these classes to be over! He is getting into his outdoor track meets. All that and getting ready for the mission keeps him busy! We are all excited about Cory's mission! We have started gathering things, and are really using Grandma Pierson's J C Penny discount!!

Steve thinks he has had enough traveling for work – too bad he still has to go more! His Stake Clerk calling is real busy now with BYU boundary changes on top of everything else. He doesn't have any time to be bored!!

Love you all!!



Mom & Lynn

Hi, Ya'all

How time flies!!! Here it is April!! Only three more months before we will have finished our eighteen!! What a support you all have been!! We love you all!!

We know we will be approached at least one more time to see if we want to extend our time here. We plan to take a break – and then maybe do a part-time service mission somewhere. Maybe back here? Maybe at a local family history center? Maybe in the temple? Or – maybe somewhere else? Who knows? We do know that we both want to spend some time writing our personal histories. We've both gotten good starts on that, but there's a long way to go.

Grandma has been feeling better as time has gone on – but she is not up to par. She still has spells when she feels sort of 'unreal' and that she might fall down again. She wonders if it is an effect of her pace-maker. We don't know. We had a visit with Dr. Hwang a week or so ago. He wants to wait about a year before he seriously considers another ablation.

Grandma hasn't cut down on her work – in fact she is doing more, with more stress. Right now she is in the middle of teaching all the missionaries on our floor about doing research for English ancestors. It is a high stress job because she is so thorough in her preparation, and so careful in her presentation, and because there are so many times in a week when she is teaching. She is doing a *great* job!!! This will go on for another three weeks.

Then we are thinking about asking if we can spend the last six weeks or so of our missions on the 'US/Canada' floor so we can learn something about doing the research we need to do for our ancestors who lived in the US and/or Canada – and we have quite a few that we haven't found yet.

General Conference is this week-end – and we have been bombarded with blessings. First, Larry called and said he and Jill and Katelyn and a friend were coming for Conference. Then Leslie called and said she and family are planning to be here. Finally, Lana called and said they want to come. We're glad to have this kind of blessing. We love each of you!

Love,  
Grandpa

Hi Children, Grandchildren, Great-Grandchildren and Grandchildren-to-be (Tara and Cia)

I'm afraid Grandpa has been a bit gloomy in his description of my health. Actually, I'm feeling quite a lot better and thankful for it! I do stress over teaching. I'm not scared, I'm just *careful*! The expressions of gratitude and the compliments from my students make it all worth while. PLUS—I'm learning *so much*! Hope I can remember even 10% after I leave here.

We feel very useful and that we've truly been in the service of the Lord. We're doing the third of the three-fold mission of the Church—helping to Redeem the Dead. And we're convinced it is truly essential! We've also seen miracles as we work here and know He's guiding the work.

I always want to tell you all how much I love you and how much I think of you and care for your welfare. Our prayer roll includes all of you, sometimes by name and specific problem and *always* as precious children whom we love. He listens to those prayers. He answers them (sometimes in time)

Love, Your Mom, Grandma, Great-Grandma

# The Dyes

Hello, Family!

Since we've been such diligent writers in the past, it was easy for us to be a part of this important 100<sup>th</sup> edition. JK. Thanks Coreen for your years and years of hard work (and Lawson and Grandma)! We are doing fantabulous and life is funtastic. We're getting ready for Jeremy's wedding and hope that everyone's planning to come. Remember it's on 06/07/08. We have some outdoor projects that have been on the to-do list for a few years - we're using the wedding as a goal for completion. (You know how that goes.) We're trying to build a gazebo over the courtyard by the pond but it's not cooperating very well. We hope it will start to get easier soon. We offered Anthony the job of building a decorative vinyl roof and railing for our back patio. Greg found a cool design for a covered swing - it's got his R.A.S. going full gear. And last, but not least, we're going to try to replace our back wood fence with vinyl when our neighbors add onto their house in May. We'll see what actually gets finished (or at least try not to have any of the projects at the ugly stage during the wedding!)

We're reading the Book of Mormon again as a family this year. Well, actually we're just following along with the CD. It's been a great experience! We even understood Isatah a little better.

Jeremy and Tara are in Colorado this week building a ten foot castle out of soup cans for an engineering competition. Jeremy is president of the Engineering Association at BYU this year. He and Tara will both graduate with their bachelor's degree next year and then Jeremy plans to go into corporate law.

Anthony is living in a house that he's working on in Mapleton. He is applying to be drum instructor for Springville High School and wants to go to UW to become a general contractor. He also having tons of fun training and playing with his dog Jack that he got from the Sorensens. He's becoming a member of Timpanogos Grotto, a spelunking group, with Jeremy.

Onyvyn played percussion with the Philharmonic Orchestra and went on a trip with them in February. They went to Albuquerque, New Mexico for a National competition and placed second overall in the Full Orchestra division. She also played violin with the Concert Orchestra at a region festival last week and they barely missed the qualification for state competition. She had Drum Line tryouts for marching band last week and made tenors!!! She's the tenor section leader and is really excited for that.

Zachary finally has a bike that works! He discovered a 'fort' up in Mapleton at a new housing development - he and his friends have been loving life up there. He made a deal with Greg that if he doesn't act up in Sunday School or Priesthood, Greg will make chocolate chip cookies on Sunday night. We're all rooting for his success, but hoping we don't put on any weight. Zac was Student of the Month for Science in March and enjoyed all-you-can-eat pizza and ice cream with the principal - way to go Zac!

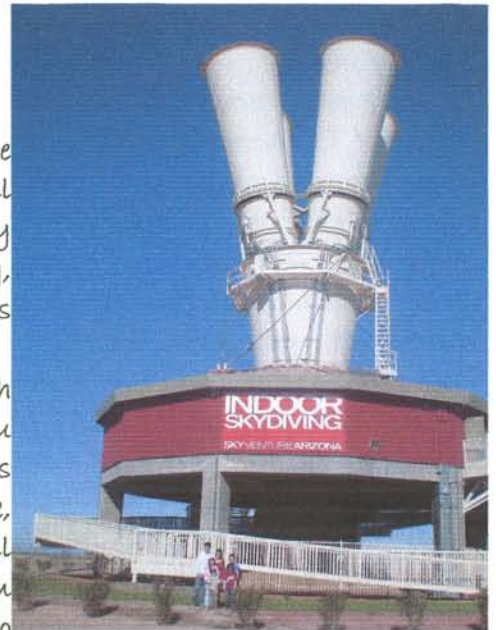
I've been redecorating (after five years I finally picked out furniture for the great room). Greg built - with help from Anthony, Jeremy, Tara, and Zac - a really awesome 9' wide shelf unit for the great room. We moved Ondy downstairs to the black room and redecorated it. We turned Ondy's old bedroom into a guest room. We redid Greg's and my bedroom. We made curtains (8 windows!), padded benches, tons of pillows and cool decorations for the turret. We recovered the dining room chairs and padded the bench in the kitchen bay window. And we've renewed all the decorations and curtains in most of the other rooms. Notice I said "we" for everything... Cisa has been with me every step of the way. Here's a huge 'thank you' to an awesome, totally unselfish sister!!!! Not that all the rest of my sisters aren't awesome and totally unselfish! Other than that, I've just kept busy with junior high and high school PFA and am on a committee to revise the attendance policy at SJHS. Marching Band is gearing up, and I guess I'm president of the Booster Club again, so life will be crazy again soon.

We love you all and appreciate hearing about your lives each newsletter. Sorry we're not good about writing; it's not because we don't care, just because we're lazy and don't lead exciting lives like everyone else. Happy April! (Can you believe it's here already? AND can you believe we STICC HAVE SNOW. ugh. It's been a loooooong winter!)

# The Coons

February and March were fun and busy months for us. We sold the 4 puppies that we wanted to sell. We were pleased because they all sold for full price (\$850) within about 24 hours and we feel like they all went to great homes. NOW we are working on training Dandy, the puppy that we kept. Taffy likes having a buddy and the kids really like having a puppy.

Jacinta came to visit. While she was here we went to a place south of us where they do parachuting and we had such a fun day. You just hang out on the lawn and watch as the planes take skydivers way up in the sky, then you see this little speck come out of the plane, the speck separates into lots of little specks, then they eventually pull their cords and let the parachutes come out and you get to watch them land right in front of you. Some people do tricks. We also went to



the wind tunnel (picture to right) where they blow lots of air up a glass-enclosed tunnel. You can suit up (only \$40 for 2 minutes!) and go inside and it feels like you are falling out of an airplane. We just watched in fascination for about an hour while the trainers do tricks. It was cool.

We had a guy come and do a lot of painting and work on the house. He removed the popcorn from the ceilings and painted them, painted the walls and cabinets and stuff (everything) in the kitchen, painted the garage and laundry room, painted the outside of the house and the block wall, and restained the gates. Todd replaced all the plugs and light switches, 5 ceiling fans and 4 outside lights. We are getting new windows and exterior doors. You can see pictures below.

Hannah participated in the Regional Spelling Bee. She was also in a Ballroom Dance class after school and did a great performance. She tried out for District Honor Orchestra. Caleb is in T-ball and we are enjoying that. Brittney loves Young Women's. She will probably be getting braces soon. Aubrey is really enjoying reading and doing more and more of it on her own.

We sure love you all. Thanks for your cooperation and participation in the newsletter. I'm so glad we are part of each other's lives. You are great!!



# The Wilsons

Hi Family!

We are doing well here in Rexburg. It has been a long cold winter with a lot of snow and it is not leaving very quickly for us. We still have quite a bit of snow in the back yard and it is still in the 20's at night. We are ready for warmer weather, but this is kind of what we expected.

Greg is doing well with ROTC. He really enjoys his job and the cadets. I must say that it seems like much more fun than when he was a cadet. They have lab every week where they do ambushes, raids, hostage rescue and other official sounding things. The fun part is that they get to do them with paint ball guns and a seemingly endless supply of paint balls. They also go rappelling and ride in helicopters and stuff like that. He is going to summer camp at Fort Lewis, Washington this summer from June 14 through July 25, so he won't be with us at the family reunion.

We have a couple of announcements about Rich that most already know. He is getting married to a Korean girl named Cia and they are expecting a baby in August. Right now Cia is in Korea waiting for a fiancé visa, which takes a while, so we don't know when they will be able to get married. Rich is doing well in his job at Fort Carson, Colorado, where he is a platoon leader.

Amy Sue is now in Bielefeld, Germany after her first transfer of her mission. She and her companion, Sister Welch, who was also her companion in the MTC, just got bikes and with spring coming on and serving in such a beautiful city, she is really excited about that. She is always busy and has a lot of contacts and investigators, but it is really hard to get them to commit to baptism. She keeps her spirits up, though and loves her mission.

Brianna will be attending BYU-I in the fall. We are all very excited for her and proud of her accomplishments. BYU-I is on a track system where there are three semesters but the students only go two of them. That way they can accept a lot more students (although it is still hard to get in) because only 2/3 of them are on campus at the same time. Brianna will be on the summer/fall track so after the fall semester she will have a semester off and then go back in the summer. That is just as well since the winter is brutal here and it wouldn't be all that pleasant to go to school in the cold. She will graduate on May 28, from Madison High School and start college on September 8.

Jeff is going to be in our school's spring play. The play is called "Kiss and Tell" and Jeff plays the nerdy 17 year old neighbor of the main girl character. It is a pretty major part and he is in rehearsal every day after school and is taking early morning driver's ed since his 16<sup>th</sup> birthday is this week. He is doing really well in school this year and is really enjoying Rexburg.

I recently got very busy. I got a new calling and am now the Enrichment counselor in the Relief Society Presidency. We have a very active and diverse ward so we have about 7 or 8 monthly enrichment activities going. I had already been going to a few of them and at least right at first will have to go to all of them. I am really excited about it and have a lot of good ideas to make it my own. I also tutor 3 girls in Algebra 2 after school 3 days a week, which I really enjoy.

We are really looking forward to seeing everyone at the family reunion and at Jeremy's wedding and Cory's farewell. We love our family and are so thankful for Heavenly Father's plan that put us here on earth together.

# The UT Burnetts

We had a chance to go see the Harlem Globetrotters. We enjoyed it and had a good time.

Meg had her 5<sup>th</sup> birthday last month. She had a bunch of friends over. They played games and then a few of the young women from our ward did all their hair.

The 4 boys and I went up to the Summit for an overnighiter. We drove as close as we could and then hiked in the rest of the way. The snow was about 3 feet deep but it was pretty hard on top so we didn't sink too deep most of the steps! We got into the cabin and got the heater going. Cason really wanted to build a fire so he dug out the fire pit and worked very hard at getting a fire going with no dry wood! He used a fair amount of lighter fluid and actually got a small fire going for a little while! The next morning we played around for a while, then packed up and hiked back to the car. Then we went to Devil's creek reservoir and did some sledding down the side of the reservoir onto the ice. That was really fun because the edge was very steep. I actually only did it once because it was such a workout to hike back up to the top! But the boys went over and over and had a riot.

Tanner and I went ice fishing at Mantua Reservoir a few weeks ago. I thought more of the boys would want to go, but he was the only one. We caught some perch and bluegill and had a good time.

Landon and Thayne entered the reflections contest and won at their school and then won some awards at the region level.

We have been reading the Preach My Gospel book for our family scripture study. We have really been enjoying it. At least Kelly and I have been! I'm not sure that the kids ever get much out of that. Hopefully!

Our kids are always calling 'spot back', 'TV back' and other things like that. That way they claim whatever so another sibling doesn't get it. The funny thing is that they've come up with it and they all pretty much abide by it! The other day Meg came into the computer room and the chair Kelly had been in was empty. So Meg asked me if Mom had called 'spot back'!

Cason went on the high school band trip. They went to Southern California for 6 days. They went to Disneyland, Sea World, the beach and all. He had a good time.

Thayne has good Webelos scout leaders and is having fun with that. We had a merit badge pow wow for our stake recently and Cason and Tanner started working on several merit badges each. Cason only needs to finish 4 badges and do his project to get his Eagle. But he's having a hard time getting it done! Tanner is working on the swimming merit badge with his troop right

## April

3 Mom & Lynns Temple Anniv. 1987

9 Jeff 1992

9 Jaxon 1996

19 Jared 1982

## May

18 Brittney 1995

19 Larry 1958

21 Jeremy 1986

21 Dixon 2004

30 Lemuel 1938

30 Amy 1986

Hey, Everybody - Try to send Amy an e-mail on her birthday,  
May 30. Put it on your calendar so you don't forget.

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# The Sorensens

We have had a good month. We are really enjoying living in our house. This past month we have been working on the yard. Aaron hauled in lots of gravel and poop. He also brought in sand for a sandbox. Dave and Christie came one weekend and helped us put in a sprinkler system. It was a cold, windy, miserable day but the poor guys worked all day and got it done. Aaron's job is going well. It seems like with work, church, the kids and the yard, he is always working. We have our ground ready to plant and we will put in wheat this year. If things get bad we will have wheat for food storage next year. We still have 50 cows and they are calving. We went to Utah for Conference weekend and had a nice visit with Mom and Lynn. We bought Jaxon a suit. We went to Cabela's, the Salt Lake Temple, then went to Aaron's parents' for a couple of days.

Jaxon is turning 12 on the 9th and will be ordained on the 13th. He worked hard and passed off his "Faith in God." He just got done with his First Class in scouting. He has been busy with Hunter Safety class, a school band concert and he is in Track.

Jancy also took the Hunter Safety class and is doing really well in school.

Broox had his sixth birthday. He's starting soccer this week and is enjoying school. His goat had a little baby. It's pretty cute.

Dixon wants it to be his birthday every day but he has to wait till May. He's always talking about how he is getting so big. He's just as cute as can be.

Rix loves having the warmer weather so he can go outside and play in the sand. He loves tractors and the kitty and is a fun boy.

We are getting ready to do the rodeos again this summer and Aaron will be in charge of it again. The first one is on May 17 so we'll have to get the kids riding again. We are trying to simplify life. We sold our trailer house and we are going to try to sell the cows so hopefully we won't be too busy. Here are some pictures of our house - Thanks to Mom!



# The AZ Burnetts

The Arizona Burnetts are getting ready to go through some pretty significant changes! After 18 years of living in our current house, we have decided to move. We made an offer on a house that was accepted on Monday. We will move May 30<sup>th</sup>. We have really had a good time in our current neighborhood, but it has certainly been changing. Many of our good friends have been moving, and the neighborhood is sadly going downhill a little. We are moving a little farther east, and will still be in Mesa, but into a much nicer neighborhood. Here is a picture, although it does not do it justice.

It has everything we have been wanting in a new home - tile roof, a pool, vaulted ceilings, and it has a basement. We were not quite ready to give that up. We are excited, and would love to have you come see it some time. We got an incredible deal on this - the market in Arizona is quite depressed right now, so we are praying that our current home will sell.



We had a good time at conference this last weekend, and it was good to see Leslie, Laura and family.

It was also great of Lisa, Lawson and family to come to Jill's father's funeral. For those of you that did not hear he passed away 3 weeks ago. His death was quite peaceful, and his funeral was a tribute to a great man, who loved and served his family and Heavenly Father until the end. Thanks also for the very nice card and plant. Jill really appreciated that.

We are all doing well - Tiffany is taking her pre Pharmacy classes, and will apply to Pharmacy school soon. She is still living in the Condo with her friend, although she just let her know she will be getting married next year. Hopefully she will be able to time this to start Pharmacy school. She is still working at Wells Fargo bank.

Heather is much happier this week. Her friend Jon came home from Afghanistan safe and sound. He is going back to North Carolina for some additional training, but will be home for good in May. It is good to have him back, and I know I speak for all of us in thanking him for his service there. Heather is still attending ASU for Exercise and Wellness, and working at the day care center and as a nanny for a family here in Mesa.

Katelyn is also still at ASU, and sending more and more friends off to a mission. We had one leave this week that we were particularly all close to, so it is a little sad. He obviously is doing the right thing, and we certainly support that. She still has her nanny job, and trying to decide where to spend her summer - either in a service assignment, or working other jobs.

Jill and I are well. It was great for us to host her brother, and Cory last month! Jill's brother travels for business, and Cory was here for a track meet. We had a nice visit over dinner, and then he and Katelyn were able to go bowling for a while. Jill loves her new job, and has been covering the entire office this week for her co-worker who is out on a medical leave.

We think about you all often, and congratulations to all of us in reaching our 100<sup>th</sup> edition! I know that several of you have really taken the ball and run with this - so I want to personally thank you for that. It is great to keep in touch, and I appreciate my relationship with each of you. I constantly tell other people what a great family we have. See you all soon - we are looking forward to the reunion.