

Happy Happenings

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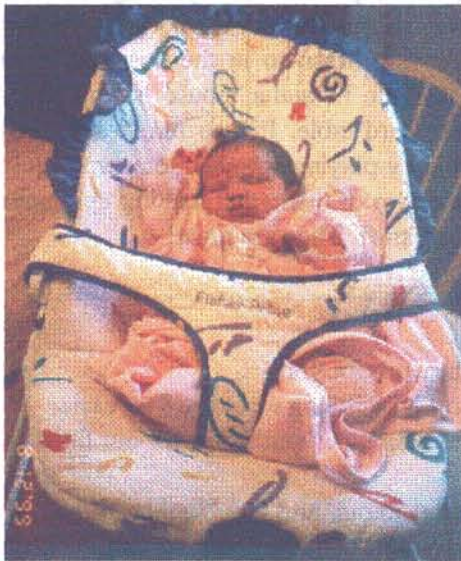


Amberly Clare Sorensen was born on August 9th at 12:27 pm!!
She weighed 8 lbs. 5 oz. and was 20 inches long.
CONGRATULATIONS to Lana, Aaron, Jaxon and Jancy!!



THE SORENSEN'S:

We finally had our baby girl!! We are naming her Amberly Clare Sorensen (Clare after Mom's middle name). We were deciding between Amberly Shay and Amberly Clare, but then I realized that the initials don't work out with Amberly Shay Sorensen.



She is a perfect baby and hardly ever cries. The kids really like her. We really enjoyed our visit with Grandma White. I don't know how I would've done it without her. The kids loved having her.

Aaron takes the kids horseback riding usually every week. Jaxon came home crying saying, "I got bucked off." They



were riding in a muddy part and the saddle strap broke. Jaxon fell off and the saddle landed on him. He's a tough cowboy!

Jancy LOVES riding horses. When she is on, Aaron hardly ever gets to hold the reigns.

Aaron is busy doing hay, grain and getting ready to do corn. We help him when we get bored.

We are looking forward to seeing everyone who is coming for the blessing on September 5!!

THE PIERSON FAMILY:

Hello family! The Piersons are all doing well. We are sad to see the summer end. It went by too quickly for us. We're not finished playing yet!

Christie started Medical-Dental Secretary school Aug. 2, so she is already back into school. She is doing well in her

class, and is enjoying it. She comes home from school and goes to work at a Day Care here in Springville. Institute has started, so she is attending classes and activities there. Busy!

Jared is the only one excited for school to start. He's getting bored, and can't wait to have something to do and someplace to go during the day. We took him to school on registration day, and he went nuts seeing all the kids he knew (and he knows a lot more people than any of the rest of us!). He'll have fun.

Jenny loved her trip to Connecticut. Loreen and Todd took her a lot of places and showed her lots of cool things. She has been working quite a bit since she has been home. We all missed her, and are glad to have her back home with us!

Cory goes to 5th grade this year - his last year in Elementary school! He is excited to be with school friends, but not excited to lose so much play time. He has had a fun summer. He took swimming lessons and did well. He is also doing well in scouts. He has earned his Woblos badge, and is working on the Arrow of Light.

Steve's job is going well. He is settling in to working at home. I enjoy having him here - I have to try not to bug him while he is working!

Our little garden grew well this year. I have bottled 26 pints of green beans already - yea! Home bottled beans is one thing I really missed living away from Utah, so I am glad to be able to do them. I built some "rolling can" shelves in our storage room, so my project goal is to sort through that room - ~~very nice!~~

We hope everyone is doing well! I haven't mentioned it before, so Thank You to everyone for the "Christmas" presents that were given to our family. Christmas in June was a fun idea.

Love you all - Lisa and family

LAWSON, KELLY AND FAMILY:

We had a fun trip to Canada. It was nice to get up and spend time with Kelly's side of our family. The boys LOVE going up there and having so much worry-free space to run and play. While we were there, we went to a Jones family reunion (Kelly's Mom's family) in Cardston where the Alberta temple is. Kelly's Mom has a lot of brothers and sisters, so Kelly has lots of cousins. She really enjoyed seeing them all.

We got our front yard sprinklers and sod in, but because of a canal that broke and affected our secondary water, the city asked us not to put our back yard in this summer. We'll probably get things ready and hydroseed in the fall so it will come up next summer.

Kelly's 33rd birthday is the 24th. She's excited to be so young!!!

Cason got his full leg cast off after a month and now has a walking cast that glows in the dark! The doctor says it glows for 4-5 hours, but we haven't stayed up late enough to find out for sure!

While we were in Canada, Tanner learned to ride a '2-wheeler'. That's what he calls bikes with no training wheels! His cousin had a little bike just his size. We found a little, grassy hill and let him go. He picked up on it real quick and

loves to ride his 2-wheeler at home now.

Thayne is talking up a storm! He can say most things he wants to and you can understand most of it too! He goes to the bathroom on ~~the toilet~~ whenever he has his diaper off, so hopefully in the next while, he'll be potty trained.

Happy Birthday to:

Tanner Sept. 12
Greg Dye Sept. 14
Lawson Sept. 18
Jancy Sept. 22

Have a GREAT day!

THE COONS:

We're staying busy. Some friends of our's from Provo moved to Schenectady, NY (a couple of hours away) so they are coming to visit this weekend. Jacinta is coming for a few days in September. And we are really looking forward to having Mom, Lynn, and Laura after that. We have tickets to see Les Miserables.

I (Loreen) got poison ivy. It has been terrible. The first two weeks were unbearable, but it's been over three weeks

and it's still bothering me quite a lot.

We found out that sometime in the next year Todd will be moving back to East Hartford for work. We are so happy because it's a ten-minute commute instead of thirty minutes. Todd is also signing a provisional patent for the bicycle brake he designed at BYU. Hopefully we'll see it for sale soon.

I started my first of seven Independent Study classes that I need to take to graduate.

They are adding onto our church so we've had sacrament meeting (only) at a different building for two weeks and we'll be out of the building for another month.

Brittney and Hannah are doing great. It's cute how they learn things from each other like "inside-outside," "new brand baby," "stunks" (for skunks), and other fun phrases. The wood chuck is back living under our shed again. We hadn't seen him in awhile but one day Brittney very excitedly said, "Mom, I saw that pork chop in our back yard again!"

The girls are so good! They love playing dress-up in the basement. We have the TP and a "house" set up under the card table. It's so fun to see them finally playing together sometimes, just the two of them, and making up games and stuff. They are great!

Mom and Lynn Finish 72-Hour Kits

It feels so good to finally get our 72 Hour Kits done. Here are some ideas that might work for you:

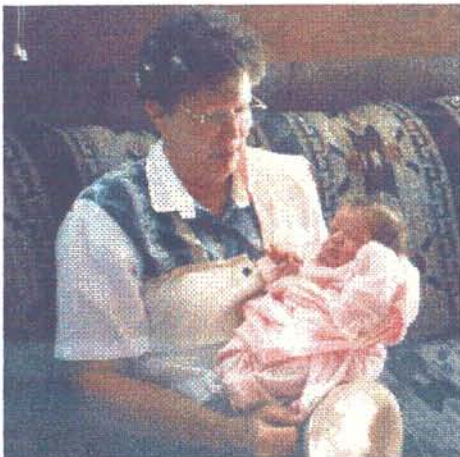
1. We used a 42 gallon Rubbermaid rolling trash can. We think being able to transport it by rolling would be a lot easier. Seems like it would be especially good for those of you with small kids. This mostly frees up your hands to carry our little darling Grandkids!
2. Inside the trash can we've packed the food in backpacks and the clothing, personal items, and foil blankets etc. in easy-to-carry duffle bags. This way if we had to abandon the trash can and big blankets, sanitation kit, First Aid etc., we'd have ~~the essentials~~. In some emergencies they send trucks or buses around the neighborhood. They would probably frown on taking a ~~large~~ rolling can.
3. We've packed it all in the coat closet right by the front door. They say put it in your garage, but it's hot in the summer and cold in the winter. That means you have to rotate your food a lot more often. We think this will be easy to get to and fills ~~the~~ requirement.

Let's hope we never have to use our emergency stuff. BUT let's all be sure we've heeded our leader's advice to be prepared. Not everyone can get a whole year's supply of everything. But we can probably all have a 3-day's supply and maybe that's what we should work on first.

MOM AND LYNN:

What a great blessing it is in my life to be retired! Not the money part, that's a little uncomfortable. But I'm LOVING my life!

I spent a week in Wyoming helping while Amberly gets her family accustomed to having her, which won't take long! She's a sweetie and so good. And Lana is an IRON woman! Jaxon and Jancy are such GOOD helpers! I mean it,



too. I had a thoroughly wonderful time and hated to leave. But, for those of you who received a copy of the E-mail I sent to my cousins, you know, I'M BACK.

Now, on to other exciting things. I've committed to go with Lynn on a business trip coming up in September. When I tell you where we're going and how excited I am, you may scratch your head and wonder if I've lost it. But if you pause a little, you'll remember that your Mother loves to travel and can find something interesting wherever! We're going to fly to Little Rock Arkansas on September 16. Lynn will work mostly in the evenings and on weekends interviewing Ward and Stake leaders. He's working on two studies. One to see how well the Church MIS and FIS are being used. The other to try to ascertain why some Stake leaders are unhappy with the new custodial and building program. (I'm having to bite my tongue on that one.) So we'll see things during the day and I'll hang out in the evening. A little different

schedule than most business trips, but oh well. We'll drive to Jackson, Mississippi on Saturday, stopping at two places on the way. He'll work there until Wednesday. We'll catch a flight to San Antonio, Texas on Sept. 22 and fly back home Monday, Sept. 27. I'm especially excited about seeing San Antonio with him since it's such a neat place and he's never been there!

So, whatdaya think? Is this great or what? Trouble is--Lynn says he looks at my life and gets envious. Don't worry honey--your time's coming. You have to work and get the hotel bills and car rental and your food paid for so I can hitch a ride and only have to pay for my airfare and food.

We love you all and miss you. Remember where it is we're all meeting up? Yeah--the Celestial Kingdom!

THE WILSON'S:

We made it to Germany and we love it! We did have jet lag for about a week. Every afternoon we felt like we had been up all night and then we would wake up in the middle of the night. They put the doorway in between our two apartments, and as soon as they did, Rich was moving Dad's stuff out of his room. The weather is nice and cool. It's quiet where we live and there are lots of trees.

We won't get our stuff until November, and our car will come Sept. 10. For now we just take the train or bus. We took a class called "Families Learning About Germany" and learned about the train system and lots of other things.

We have already seen some neat things. Greg and I went to the Frankfurt Temple and were even able to get in on an English-speaking session. We all went downtown on the train. We saw a castle and a monastery another day. It's just nice to know that we can get around.

The kids love it here. I've been busy getting everything taken care of for them to start school. Rich is trying out for the tennis team and Amy is going to be on the Cross-country team. They will both be in the Honors program. We are thinking of

putting Jeff in a German immersion program where everything except Reading and Language Arts is taught in German. Jeff and Brianna went to a Day Camp. They went to the zoo, Trampoline land, and swimming. They love to play outside on the playground.

I am going to take a German class taught by a German two nights a week. I'm also interviewing to sub at the High School.

Greg is busy learning about his job. In Fort Campbell he was the head of the G6 and had a lot of people working under him. Here he is the low man on the totem pole, so that will take some getting used to, I'm sure.

Everyone is so nice! At church, at the bus stop, and on Post people just introduce themselves and they are so friendly. The members have been giving us rides to church. We got callings our second week. Greg is 2nd counselor in the Young Men's Presidency and Deacon's quorum advisor. I am 2nd counselor in the Primary presidency. The Primary President had heard we were coming and kept thinking about my name, so on our first Sunday she told Heavenly Father, "If she bears her testimony, I'll know I should have her in the Presidency." I kept feeling like I should bear my testimony but kind of didn't want to since it was just my second day in Germany and my first time at church. Well, you can guess the rest of the story. The ward is small, but they have a good-sized youth group, which is very important to us.

If you write to us, you only have to use one stamp since it's a military address. Our address is:

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011-49-711-795-384

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We love you all!! The Wilsons

To E.L.P. 1-10-81

Tonight I play the songs of old -
 The ones we played together
 When hearts were light and days were gold
 And we never wondered whether
 One would stay and one would go
 And, Oh, I loved you so!

"I'll Be Loving You Always," we played
 And how your smile would shine!
 As o'er the notes our finger strayed
 Your eyes looked deep in mine.
 But one did stay and one did go -
 And, Oh, I love you so!

The days are long and sometimes drear,
 But when the shadows fall,
 I sit and play and feel you near
 And know that after all
 The day will come when I shall go -
 And, Oh, I love you so!