

Happy Happenings

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117th Edition

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IT's HERE! The 117th Edition!



So—each time I do the newsletter, I give you kids a lecture. AND, here it comes! I love the newsletter. I've saved every single one of them. They have great historical value! Besides all that, I think it's fun! (Once I get through doing it) **ONE REQUEST PLEASE: SEE THAT EACH OF YOUR FAMILY HAS A CHANCE TO READ IT, AND to see the cute pictures. PLEASE?**

ACOSTA FAMILY

We've had a very busy and exciting year! Hard to believe we're approaching Payson's first birthday (February 15th)! We enjoyed vacations to Lake Powell and California over the summer and spent Thanksgiving and Christmas in California with Jon's family. Jon continues to work full time in the National Guard (just "celebrated" his 9-year mark in December)



And I am loving every minute of staying home with Payson. It has been so fun watching her learn and grow this year; I feel so



blessed! She has such a fun little personality! She talks (and squeals) all day, loves to give kisses, and loves to get into anything she possibly can! We just can't get enough of our little girl! Hope everyone is doing well!



2013 HIGHLIGHTS FOR THE COONS FAMILY:

After living at Mom & Lynn's house here in Arizona for several months, we were able to move back into our newly remodeled/added-on-to home. We ended up adding about 1500 square feet including turning the garage into a game room, expanding the great room and moving the kitchen, and adding a garage, laundry room and master bedroom. We LOVE our house!! Laura helped a lot with the design and she really did a great job.



In March, Brittney, Aubrey and I went to Ondy and Jaren's wedding and reception in Logan. The wedding and reception were beautiful and we loved seeing everyone.

I was able to go to girls' camp with Aubrey and Hannah over Spring break. It was super fun! Aubrey and I even had a snowball fight on one of our hikes.

In April I chaperoned Brittney's choir trip to Disneyland.

May was super busy. Brittney and Hannah loaned out tons of prom dresses and Brittney had a good time at Prom. She also graduated from High School and Seminary.

In June we were invited to go to Lake Powell with some friends who have a time share on a house boat. It was one of our best vacations ever! The fishing was great and everyone gained new skills on the lake. The dad from one of the other families is the man that portrays Jesus in a lot of pictures and in the Easter Pageant here so when we see a picture of Jesus, Caleb asks, "Is that our Jesus friend from Lake Powell?"

We loved watching Caleb play indoor soccer in July. It was his first time. After his first game he said, "That was the funnest soccer game I've ever played!"

In August we took Brittney to BYU which was a happy/sad thing. She is doing great there.

Hannah is busy this school year with Cross Country, AP classes, orchestra and choir. She smoked the PSAT and already gets tons of stuff from colleges (Ahhh! I can't lose another one!!). Aubrey also ran Cross Country this school year. She's the second fastest girl in her grade! She plays the cello and takes piano lessons. Todd and Caleb started building a tree house. It's 9 feet high and 12' x 14' at the base. It spans two of our big cottonwoods. It has been a fun project for them!

Todd has been busy at work. He got to work on a fun "secret" project, designing the Edison, a little computer that Intel just produced that's as big as a flash drive.

In December Caleb got 5 stitches. Boomerangs really do come back if you do it right, but it's best to catch them with your hands, not your head!

Our Lake Powell friends also own a hot air balloon (they are great friends to have!) and they gave us a ride. The balloon was tethered so they could give lots of people a ride, but it was still really fun and cool.

It's hard to believe that time could pass so fast, but we Celebrated 20th Wedding Anniversary on Dec. 17! It's so great to be married to such a wonderful person. I'm very grateful for Todd!!!



We love having Mom and Lynn down here for part of the year. They accompanied us on our annual Christmas tradition of eating at Pete's Fish-n-Chips and seeing the Temple lights. Fun time!





The Gilbert temple is 3/4 mile from our house. The last 2+ years we have watched it being built step by step. We were there when they put the Angel Moroni on. The Open House starts Jan. 18 with the Cultural Celebration on March 1 and the Dedication on March 2. We have been heavily involved on committees, we are

taking lots of friends through the Open House and helping with ushering and other responsibilities, the girls are both performing at the Cultural Celebration, and we look forward with much anticipation for the privilege of being part of the Dedication of a House of the Lord in our neighborhood. It has been such a unique experience and we feel so blessed to be part of it!!!

We love you all!



AMY & TYLER



We are doing great, living here in SOUTH Texas in 80 degree weather in January. We live less than 20 miles away from the Mexican border in the bustling town on Edinburg, TX. Tyler already finished his first semester of grad school and I'm working at the hospital. We are happy to

be here. Even though we're far from all of you we are only three and a half hours away from Tyler's family in San Antonio so we are happy to be near them. We live a little over an hour away from the beach and we've made some good friends so we are doing great. Miss and love everyone!

ONDY AND JAREN

Hey all! This is Ondy and Jaren. Life is going pretty great for us! The biggest news for us is that I graduated!! Woohoo! I now have a degree in Early Childhood Special Education. We had a fantastic Christmas break with family and are now getting back into the everyday routine. I'm working as a Preschool teacher until the end of May for two different teachers who are or will be on maternity leave. Then I'll be keeping my eye open for a full time special education preschool teaching position with a school district for next school year. We'll see where that ends up taking us! Jaren is really getting into music right now and has a couple of gigs lined up. He's opening for an amazing Australian guitarist (Adam Miller - look him up!) on February 1st and then also has something set up for Valentine's day where he gets \$5 a head for whoever comes through the door. He'll be going to California for a week in January for the NAMM (National Association of Music Merchants) show, which will be an awesome experience for him. We're saving up so we can hopefully take a trip to Hawaii in May for his sister's High School graduation, and I'm super excited because this will be my first time there! We're sad that we're going to miss the Mexico trip this year - we'll miss you! Hope all is well!!



THE UTAH BURNETTS

Meg is 10. She has been playing lots of soccer. She cut her foot pretty badly at a swimming pool and had to sit out for a while. She enjoyed going to work with me for the take your child to work day. She ran a 5k on Thanksgiving in American Fork.





Landon is 12. He's been playing lot of lacrosse. He ran a couple of 5ks with me this year. He broke his finger on a ladder and had a cast for a while. He was also able to spend a day at work with me.



Thanksgiving with Wilsons

Landon 'graduated' from elementary school and completed the DARE program (drug abuse resistance education). Landon and I spent a week at camp Loll Boy Scout Camp and had a good time there. He just did his hunter's education course so he'll be able to start hunting now. Landon competed in an ice cream eating contest at school and won! He was the youngest in the competition. Each kid got a 1/2 gallon ice cream box. Most of the kids tried to use the spoon that was supplied and only got a few bites in. Landon tore the carton open and used his hands!

Thayne is 16. He failed his driver's test once but then passed the second time. We helped him buy an older Honda Civic. He plays lots of soccer. He played for the high school. He broke a bone in his foot and had to have surgery so he was sidelined for a while. He was ordained a priest in August.



Tanner is 19. He spent a couple of months living in Salt Lake and doing random jobs with a guy. That went ok for a while but he's back home now working to get into a welding training program at the local technology center. His dog Koda had pups in May. We were all very sad a few months after that to learn that she had cancer and we ended up putting her to sleep in October. Tanner has enjoyed duck hunting and is sad the season ends soon.

Cason is 21. He's still working for Utility Trailer. He's been there for a few years now. He and I went on a couple of camping trips to the Uintas and enjoyed that.



Kelly is older than 21! She's still playing indoor soccer. She enjoyed a trip to Canada this summer with all the kids except Tanner. She decided to become a US citizen after all these years. We took the kids out of school and Mom, Lynn and Laura all went to SLC for her swearing in ceremony in October and found out the date was wrong! We tried again in November and she is now a citizen!

I am 45 now. I had a fun summer trying to stay active. I rode my bicycle to work when the weather was good. I had a fun trip with a bunch of guys to Southern Utah for some mountaineering and mountain biking. I ran several 5ks; a couple with Leslie and Jeff for July 4th and Thanksgiving. Another fun one was a midnight run in Farmington. I actually placed 1st in my age group. That probably means there weren't very many people my age because I'm definitely not a fast runner! In August I participated in the Tour of Utah bike race by riding



part of the route that the racers rode. My big goal and accomplishment this year was doing the Salt to Saint relay. That's a relay bike race from Salt Lake to Saint George. Our team had 4 people. We started in SLC on a Friday at 10am and arrived at the finish line in St. George at 11:30am the next day. It's a 425 mile race and I rode 145 miles of it. It was a real challenge to go and go on little sleep and food but it really was a lot of fun and an accomplishment for me. Connie, Ben, Melanie and Joanna were at the finish line and it was nice to see them.



July 4th with Wilsons (Note Rich)

We enjoyed the family reunion in June. In July we replaced our front room carpet with laminate wood flooring and it looks much better. In August we had a fun trip to Bear Lake but did have a little mishap. We rented 2 wave runners. Thayne got a little crazy and flipped one over. The 'dry' compartment wasn't latched tight and my car keys and iPhone went off to the bottom of the lake. You may think it was crazy to have them in the wave runner at all but we left our Suburban at the rental place so had to take keys with and the dry storage compartment was supposed to be safe! Probably would have been had it been shut tightly! We enjoyed Thanksgiving at Dye's house and had a nice Christmas with everyone at home.

THE SORENSENS

Well, Well, I guess I put it off for so long, because I didn't know how to summarize life for 8 people for a year.



We had a summer that was way too busy. Aaron didn't get his Peruvian this year, so Jaxon decided he wanted a full time job. We had way too much work for 2 guys running the Carney Ranch, plus our own 750 irrigated acres. We all had to step up and do way more than we wanted. Jancy got a lot of hours in the tractor cultivating, spraying, and swathing hay. Broox learned how to run the rake, and the rest of us were left with the grunt jobs. Hopefully this year will be less laborious. We were very blessed, and our crops did very well. We were humbled to remember that there are a lot of things we have no control over, like the weather, and that our Heavenly Father is watching over and blessing us.

We did do some fun things last summer. We found a place about 10 miles from our property that has some great sand and water to camp by. We went floating down the canal, and took the tubes down some of the cement drops, we went fishing. And this fall Jaxon and Jancy had antelope and deer tags. Aaron and the boys took the horses and went elk hunting, and got a nice bull and had some fun stories to tell about dad's gun. Jancy got to go to EFY and enjoyed that. The kids all took steers to the fair, and did well and added to their college/mission fund.



This school year we had some big changes. We clocked the miles to schools and we are only about 3 miles further to Riverton than where the kids were going in Pavillion. Jancy has been wanting to switch for a while, so we thought and prayed about it, and decided to try it. Riverton is a lot bigger school, with more to offer for classes, and friends to choose from. Jaxon decided he wanted to switch too, which surprised me since it is his senior year. We decided to let the older kids change, so Jaxon, Jancy and Broox leave around 6:15 for seminary. Broox hangs out, then they take him to school. After school Jaxon gets Jancy and Broox and heads towards home and waits a while and picks up Dixon and Rix from their bus. The kids have really liked the switch. Jaxon says the only thing he doesn't like is not having Fridays off. Jancy is doing basketball so that adds extra miles, but she is enjoying it.





We had a nice Christmas break. One of the kid's favorite activities is to take the 4 wheelers and tubes to some of the ice around and pull the tubes around on the ice. I tried it, and it was a little too exciting for an old lady like me. On the corners the tube gets going pretty fast, but the kids like it, and we usually don't ever have enough snow to go sledding. We took a trip to Denver (about 7 hours). We were going to see the sights, and Aaron and I were going to go to the temple, but we went on the 2nd and my recommend had expired on the 31st. It was a good lesson for me.

Life for us will probably have some big changes again this year. The Carney Ranch is selling out, and will probably have things sold by this Spring. We are planning on moving down to the property we bought, and building a house there. Hopefully it will

be a good thing for our family. Change is hard, but sometimes good.

Rix is turning 8 in just a few weeks. It's hard to believe! He is going to be baptized on Saturday, March 15. You are all welcome to come. Let us know.



THE JEREMY DYES

I think it's been most of a year since we wrote last. If you want the whole history, it's all detailed at taraandjeremy.blogspot.com. Warning: we've written at least a page every week, so it could take a *really* long time to read. For those of you who just want the highlights, here's a quick summary of what we've been up to.

APRIL

- Work on the playground
- Potty training
- Professional engineering exam (and passed)
- Camp out with the 11-year-old Scouts
- Trip to the zoo



MAY

- Plant garden
- Scout hike to Kanarra Canyon



- Wire flood lights in the back yard
- Ward party
- Activity Days
- Pour concrete mow strips



- Jeremy turns 27; kayak for birthday
- Rock climbing with Scouts
- Start digging holes for rock climbing wall in the back yard



- Cabin trip
- Decorate "theater room"



JUNE

- Start landscaping the herb spiral (yes, that's a 27-foot telephone pole on a 16-foot trailer)



- Ropes course for anniversary
- Lunch at the park (all summer)
- Madi learns to crawl
- Created rusticutah.com
- Freezer meals for a month
- Scout camp-out to Upper Box Creek Reservoir
- Burnett family reunion

JULY

- 3-day, 45-mile canoe trip down the Green River as a family (Jeremy, Tara, Savannah, Madilyn, Anthony, Arianne, Ondylyn, and Jaren)



- Build railroad tie path
- Scout trip to Tabernacle Hill Lava Tubes and Meadow Hot Springs
- Finish Savannah's baby book

- Build dragonfly garden art



- Savannah turns 3
- Build pergola



- Stake rappelling activity
- Main Drain Cave (the deepest cave in Utah and one I vowed never to return to)



- Madilyn turns 1



AUGUST

- Tara called as nursery teacher (and still activity day leader)
- Scout camp-out to Mammoth Lava Tubes, several short hikes, Cedar Breaks, 10-mile hike down Rattlesnake Creek/Ashdown Gorge



- Savannah and Jeremy camp in back yard
- Stingley family reunion at Dye cabin
- Rock climbing with Scouts
- Start building rock climbing wall



SEPTEMBER

- Cabin trip
- Savannah starts preschool



- Finish (mostly) building rock climbing wall



- Haunted house prop building
- Family hike up Maple Canyon



- Scout trip to Palisade

OCTOBER

- Lots of haunted house prop building



- Costume website (costumes-2dye4.com)
- Fremont Indian State Park
- Not-So-Haunted House two times



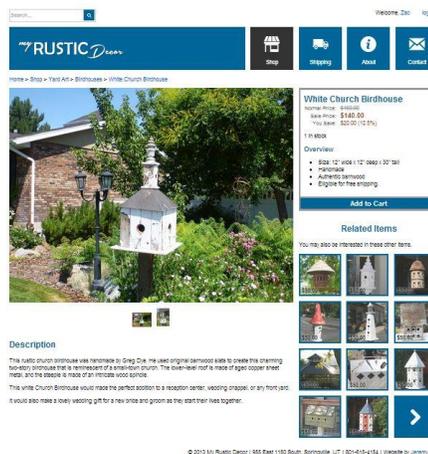
- Ward Halloween carnival

NOVEMBER

- Take down haunted house
- Scouts from Monroe over for climbing merit badge
- Scout trip to Bullion Canyon
- Make jumbo yard games for Christmas presents



- Build patio furniture
- Thanksgiving
- Black Friday shopping (5:00am for tape measures, chocolate milk, and bananas)
- Make myrusticdecor website (currently at myrusticdecor.dyecan.com)



- Paint bodies for 30 dragonflies (yard art)

DECEMBER

- Jeremy called as scoutmaster (released as 11-year-old scout leader and executive secretary)
- Build lots more yard games for Christmas
- Christmas (Jeremy: t3i camera, Tara: kitten, Savannah: tent and play kitchen, Madilyn: clothes and toys)



- Cabin trip

**JANUARY**

- Start a 5,000-piece puzzle



- Photography fun (9,270 pictures in 1 month; that has to be a record!)
- Yard work
- Build patio furniture



- Make [2013 highlights video](#) (go watch it, it's fun!)

THE WILSONS

I'm one of the last to get this in because we are up to our neck in a huge project. We are remodeling our living room. We've ripped up the carpet, put in a window seat, are in the process of building shelves around our fireplace, which required tearing up that wall and moving some electrical outlets and switches around, (which is still giving us fits,) and will eventually paint and put down laminate wood flooring, which will also go in the rest of the upstairs. Of course, this means painting everything else and getting new drapes and so forth, but we're up to the task (I hope.) Greg is great and very patient, considering he didn't think our house needed anything, but he also says that if he didn't have this to do he would be bored through the long cold Rexburg winter.





Greg is still busy as the ward clerk, the MS III instructor, and the ranger challenge coach, which has turned into a bigger, longer job than ever before. Ranger challenge is a team competition in which army cadets test their skills against teams from other schools. It involves things like building rope bridges, land navigation and physical fitness. It is usually held the beginning of October and this year it is being held at Ft. Lewis Washington. But as you may recall, in October there was a pesky little thing called the government shutdown, which meant that no one could fly their team to Washington to

compete and instead of canceling it they postponed it. It will be held February 27- March 3. Usually there is about 3 weeks of intense practice from when school starts till the competition then it's over, but this time they've continued to practice, which, while it hasn't been as intense, is still stressful. Greg will go to LDAC again this summer, but instead of being at Ft. Lewis where it's nice and cool to be outside in 16 hours a day, it will be at Ft. Knox, Kentucky, where there is almost sure to be multiple heat injuries.

I am still working at Lulu Bella and am the counselor in the YW presidency over the Beehives. I really love it; they are so sweet and enthusiastic about everything. It is a very busy calling and we have 10 beehives, but this ward had an explosion of boys about 11 years ago so I'm going to start losing them soon and I won't get another one until September. My knees are feeling good so I'm back to running. I run 4 days a week at the I-center at BYU, where 5 1/2 laps is a mile. On Saturday I usually go 6 miles, which is 33 laps, so I've devised a method where I count single laps on one hand and multiples of 5 on the other so I don't lose track. A lot of people hate running on a track, especially indoors, but I'm grateful for it because otherwise I wouldn't run as much since I really hate the treadmill. I like to watch all the other people and there's probably something about being a numbers person and counting that appeals to me.



Rich is finishing his Battery command at Ft. Lewis and moving to Ft. Polk, Louisiana. His job down there will be to be an evaluator for JRTC, which is the Joint Readiness Training Center. It is a really good job for him because all field artillery units have to go there to train, so when he gets finished a lot of units will want him since he will know all about it. He will be moving down there the first of February so right now he is very busy getting ready to change command which involves a lot more for him because they are decommissioning his unit. So he has to account for every piece of equipment, which is normal, and he also has to see to their removal to other places, which is an added headache. He'll miss Olympia when he heads down to Podunk USA, but I think he's ready.



Brianna is off track this semester but is taking a couple of online classes and an evening class to get ready to apply to the medical assisting program next semester. She is living on campus just a few blocks away, which puts her more in touch with campus life. She has a job as a custodian on campus, which requires her to get up at 3:00 AM to be at work at 4:00, so she doesn't get as much of the nightlife as she might like, but she's still having fun. It's pretty cold up here all the time, but especially at 4:00 AM, so I think she is really to be commended and sympathized with. 😞



Jeff is still at BYU going to school and working at student services. He's on the phone answering questions and dealing with frustrated students and parents all day so he is also to be sympathized with, although in a different way. Brianna doesn't have to deal with people at 4:00 AM, which is just how she likes it. You'd have to ask Jeff if he wouldn't like to trade her some days. He is very involved in his major, art history, which has led him to volunteer at the Museum there, and he's looking into internships and study abroad and other things that would help him get a job in this very competitive field.

We are so excited for the family reunion in Mexico! We don't know Greg's dates for LDAC yet, but we're hoping he can come. Brianna can't come if she gets into her program because she'll be right in the middle of school, and Jeff doesn't know yet but we're hoping. All the things he wants to do take quite a bit of money so he may need to stay and work. I'll be there though! We love you all and can't wait to see you!



MOM & DAD / GRANDMA & GRANDPA

Well, for those of you who received (and read) our Christmas newsletter, you know a lot, (maybe too much) about our house situation. Complicated, huh? But in summary, we have: 1. Sold the Summit property, 2. Bought the Gilbert home, 3. Sold the Saratoga Springs condo, and 4. Bought the Springville condo. And so many of you have helped us in so many ways. Thank you all –again and again.



*I took this picture in Saguaro National Park!
IMPRESSED?*

We spent the summer of 2013 in Springville and we're now spending the "winter" in Gilbert. All this moving and living first one place then another has proven to be almost more than I (Mom) can handle. I have found myself *very* confused and befuddled!

First is the problem I'll call "Where is it?" I know I own that kitchen gadget or that pair of shoes but can't remember where the item resides now. The second problem is called "Where am I?" When I start to Church or Walmart, I find myself picturing the location of that place. Well, many times it's quite geographically distant from the real location. Am I going to Walmart in American Fork? Or Springville? Or San Tan Village in Gilbert? See the problem? Even Siri can't help me until I figure out where I am right now! Well, I guess she can even do that.

Remember the meeting we had in January 2013 with Lynn's Parkinson's Disease social worker? The one where he advised us to move closer to kids who would visit and help and love us? He assured us that we would

need that and it would be of great benefit. He even went so far as to suggest that one family member might schedule regular visits to assure it happened. Well, he was absolutely right! Our lives are so very blessed by being close to you! And we didn't need a schedule for it to happen.

So, let's see if we can recap the last ten months. It won't be easy!

MARCH:--Ondy and Jaren! Yay!



APRIL: The family moved our stuff from Saratoga Springs to storage. THANKS!



General Conf.

MAY: Lynn and I flew to Idaho Falls to welcome Jeff home from his mission. (I was in a wheelchair!) We had a great time and even went to see the "Piano Guys" at BYU-I!



JUNE: We came home for the summer and stayed with Laura and Greg for a week. Then we closed on the Springville Condo and had our Family Reunion! Thanks to the great "Service Project" you all helped us move in and get settled! Thank you!



JULY: We spent **July 4** with Lawson, Kelly and family. Lawson, Landon, Leslie, Rich, Amy and Jeff ran a race!



July 24 We went to the Spanish Fork parade with Chris, Dave, and family and Lisa and family. It was a great parade! The best entry was one that depicted the account of

Helaman in Alma 53. It was so moving to see 2,000 modern-day young men, dressed like the stripling warriors, marching, pounding their walking sticks and chanting "Our Mothers Knew It." Wow!

July 26-30: Sad to say, I spent 3 days in Utah Valley Regional Hospital with **NASTY DIVERTICULITIS!** UGH! (Still not well from it!)



SEPTEMBER: We went to Garland to decorate sweet Amberly's grave. Cute, HUH?



Then on to Riverton and to visit the Sorensens! We always love spending time with them on the farm! To say nothing of bringing home yummy fresh garden produce. That Lana is a gardener deluxe! Thank you honey!



OCTOBER: For years we spent Halloween with the Dye Family. That's just what we did! We loved it! I usually stood at the entrance and showed people the way in. Well, guess what? You thought we were too old and tired and cold to do it again!



WRONG!
HERE WE ARE AT
JEREMY'S
DEJA VOUS!



NOVEMBER:

Nov 4, Lunch at PF Chang's with Laura and Lisa for Lynn's Birthday

Nov 12, Kelly's real citizen ceremony at Abravanel Hall. **YAY KELLY!**

Nov 27, "Pie" day at Laura's



Nov 28,
THANKSGIVING!



DECEMBER:

Dec 5, WE FLEW BACK TO ARIZONA FOR THE WINTER!

Dec Hannah's Orchestra Concert

Dec 7, My Birthday!

Went to Desert Botanical Garden "Lumaniarias" with Burnetts and Coons

Dec 16,

Coons at G Ma's & G Pa's making Gingerbread "Snoopy" doghouses



Christmas at Larry's



Dec 24, 25 Christmas with Coons! And to see the Temple Lights



JANUARY: We decided to do something special for our 27th wedding anniversary! So—WE DID! We did our favorite things (minus camping out.)



We went to Casa Grande Ruins, Saguaro NP, (see cactus picture above) and rode a tram up Sabino Canyon! FUN FUN FUN! Picnics! HOTEL! We really did it! Happy Anniversary to us!

Leslie (and Greg) gave us a wonderful Christmas present! *Leslie for 12 days!* It was great! We did all the regular stuff like shopping (of course), relaxing on the patio (not much), fixing our drapes to hang straight, exercising with Loreen, going to Lynn's Parkinson's exercises with him. She is so sweet and helpful. Of course she cooked! I bought all the vegan stuff and she did the creative part. Loreen arranged for a "Cousin Get-Together" and we had Larry and all his family, the Coons, Sarah and her 4 kids plus the 5 Reeder sisters that live here in this area. It was very enjoyable! We all enjoyed catching up on family stuff. Amazing that we have blood relatives living right here and never see them. Thanks, Loreen!!



Ruth, Larry, Sarah, Debbie, Loreen, Doe, Leslie, Mom, Becky, Liz

The most exciting thing happening in our area is the Gilbert Temple Open House! It is such a



beautiful building but more than that, it is creating an awareness in the area that is very special. As you read in Loreen's section, the Coons family is *very* involved! They're great missionaries!

The open house committee has the tours very well organized and there's very little waiting time. Last Saturday 20,000 + people were able to go on the tour. That is amazing since Mormons reportedly only make up 14% of the population here in Gilbert. We're very grateful to be here and enjoy being part of this momentous occasion.



We love you all so very much. As I prepared this 117th issue of "HAPPY HAPPENINGS," I went to <http://dyeclan.com/family/burnetts/happyhappenings/?issue=116>

I tried to catch up with what was happening in March 2013. Kids, life is passing way too fast! I found myself wanting more—more information, more details about what was going on back then! Like when you read a really interesting novel and you don't want it to end! That's why I did this edition! It's family history! It's like a journal! It's like keeping the plates of the Book of Mormon—WELL, that's going too far. But I think it's very important. Thanks to all of you who contributed and for all of you who will read it and appreciate it! And to those who will provide an opportunity for your kids to enjoy it. We have a wonderful and extraordinary family! I believe that with all my heart. And I feel so humble to stand as the Mother of all of you (in one way or another.)

(Lynn says:) "I frequently find myself talking to your Mom about how things are changing as our health and our capabilities decline. Photos are fine for reminding us of what once was. But things are never that way again! Kids grow up so that the picture taken one year is quite different from the one taken the year before. Or kids grow up and leave home and start their own family. And every one of us is an individual and we make our own choices. Thus, everything is constantly changing. What remains is that we are part of each of you and each of you is part of us and that does not change. We love each of you like crazy and hope and believe that will never change."