

Happy Happenings

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MOM & LYNN:

My, what a chain of events we set in motion when we first start to fix a house! First, we thought that we couldn't live with yucky blue-grey vinyl on the kitchen floor. Wow! If it could only have stopped there!

As you may guess, the same vinyl was also in the laundry room. Not that we couldn't have lived with it in the laundry, mind you. But, how can you justify taking ugggggllllly vinyl out of the kitchen and leaving the same vinyl in the laundry?

Then came the question of *white* carpet all through the main floor of the house (except for the afore mentioned rooms and for a small area of white tile by the front door). How do we ever keep that clean - between the kitchen and dining rooms, all down the constantly-used halls, etc.?

So, we began considering tile. But, behold, the tile by the front door was no longer in production! So, now what? How much tile? (Leah, by the way, still thinks that our final answer to 'how much' was way too much.)

At any rate, we now have lots and lots of tile, a fresh paint job in most of the main floor, the basement mostly complete - with a paint job there too. We're expecting to have the *white* carpet from upstairs put into a couple of rooms downstairs. But now, we're beginning to wonder if we can live with the *white* carpet in our bedroom. We have blinds for the windows coming as soon as the other stuff is done.

Last Saturday we began realizing that the painters were going to be painting the stairs and hall downstairs on Monday. (This was after we had gone to the temple with the painter and his wife and daughter and hubby in the morning.) We wanted to have the stuff which will be in the basement down there before the painters came through to paint the stairs - so we wouldn't ding up the fresh paint while bringing down the freezer, couches, etc. So, we rented a V-Haul late in the afternoon and solicited the help of Christie and her friend David, Lawson and Thayne, and David and David, Lisa and Cory and Jared. We didn't get to bed before 1:00 a.m., but we got the stuff into the basement. Thanks so much, everyone!!! Now, we'll have one more big push when we're ready to move all our main furniture. HELPPPPPPPPPP! One day we'll be through!

In many ways, our new home will meet our needs just very well indeed. All the major 'living' activities will be on one floor. We love our view. We're delighted with our new ward etc. But, there are lots of things we'll miss too. The kitchen and cabinets are undersized, the garage is a postage stamp. We haven't figured out where to put some of our stuff (a lot of it in fact). But we're convinced that after the dust settles (literally) we're going to be very happy to have made the move.

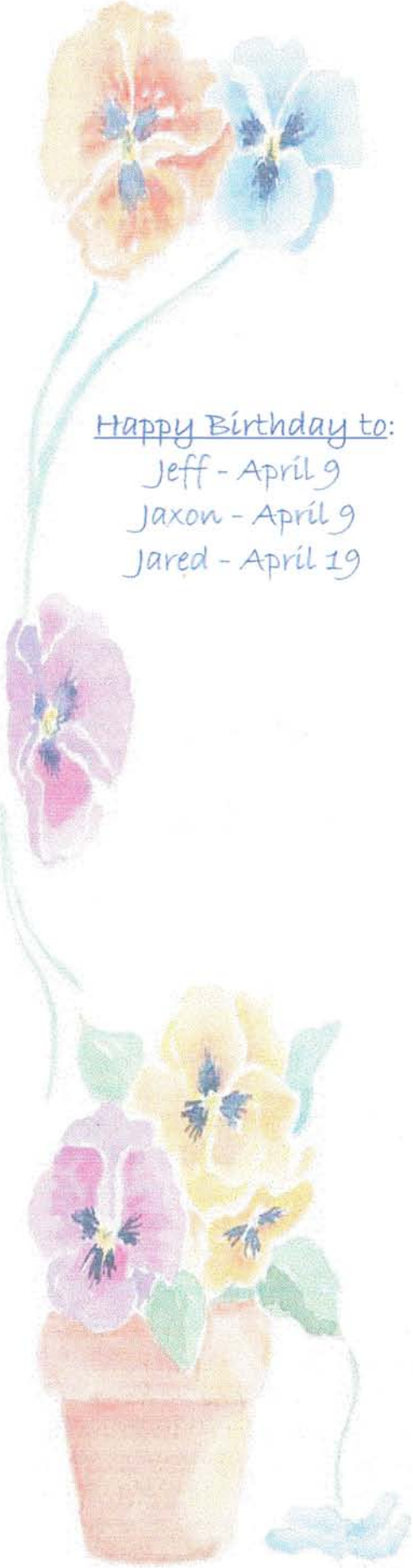
We love y'all. Please come see us. Yhear? Lynn and Mom

Happy Birthday to:

Jeff - April 9

Jaxon - April 9

Jared - April 19



LAWSON & KELLY:

Hello all. Things are going well for us. Candon is getting better at walking, or maybe I should say running. He just goes fast wherever he goes! He ends up wiping out quite a bit and usually has plenty of scrapes and bruises. He's still such a good little kid. Lots of fun to have around. His brothers are usually very good to him. It's fun to see Candon and Thayne together. They really like each other and Candon gets so excited when Thayne plays with him.

Thayne wasn't very happy when he went to the doctor the other day. He had to get shots and a checkup so he can go into kindergarten this fall. Kelly knew she'd have extra trouble getting him into the doctor if he knew he was getting shots, so she didn't tell him. They went through the checkup and then 2 nurses came in to give the shots. Kelly still didn't tell him. He had to take his pants down (he made the nurses turn around for this), then Kelly put her hands over his eyes and tried to talk to him to distract him from what was going on. Needless to say he was very upset when the needles went in. He was pretty upset at everyone involved, but he got over it after a while! Tanner lost his two front teeth. He wasn't very happy the day after he lost the first one because the tooth fairy didn't show up. We told him

we thought that since she knew his other one was about to come out too, she was probably waiting to get both teeth at once. Sure enough, the second one came out that next day and the tooth fairy came that night. She even left a note verifying our theory that she was waiting to get both teeth at once!!

Thayne enjoys driving our little 4-wheeler. We can adjust the throttle so it can't go very fast, but he doesn't always pay close attention to which direction he's heading, so he still makes you nervous. Mom & Cynn invited us to their new house to go swimming. When Mom asked Thayne if he wanted to come to her house to go swimming he said "I don't want to swim with fishies!" He was, of course, thinking of their old house with the fish pond.

I've talked to most of you on the phone about our family reunion plans for this summer. We're planning on June 27-29 at the Summit. I'm keeping all the info on my web site at www.burnettclan.org. There's a link on there to Burnett Reunion and that's where the info will be. I don't have everything up there yet and I'm still playing around with the format of it some. If you think of things I've forgotten or notice mistakes, email me at lawson@burnettclan.org so I can fix it.

TODD & LOREEN:

March was a very busy month for us. Todd is super busy at work right now and will be for awhile. He went on an overnight hike and campout with the scouts and had a great time. They got rained on, but it was a winter campout so the weather had to be bad, right?!

My OB called to say that some of my blood work had come back with a high AFP rating which meant that there was a higher possibility of a spinal defect. We went in for a level 2 ultrasound and the baby looked great!! They found a slight separation of the membrane which may have caused some internal bleeding and would explain the blood work. It was fascinating to see them measure everything - the ear, foot, bones, parts of the brain, organs, etc. With all that looking, we found out that we are having a BOY and we all are very excited and anxious for him to come be part of our family.

President Packer and Elder Didier came to our Stake Conference. We got a babysitter for the Sat. evening session and really felt inspired and strengthened.

We spent the last weekend of the month in Boston. I went to the temple Fri. morning, then Todd had a youth activity the rest of the day with our stake and the Cambridge stake (Baptisms at the temple, games, dinner, and a dance). The girls and I spent the day with our friends, the Cranes. We had a hotel with a swimming pool so we took advantage of that. On Sat. we went swimming again and drove around Boston a bit. Then Todd and Nathan Crane went to the cannery. Rachel and the kids and I colored eggs and met the dads at the cannery. We had a nice dinner at an Irish restaurant and went home. It was fun and it's nice that we were able to be with Todd as much as we could. We love and miss you all!!

