
Happy Happenings

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Lana & Aaron

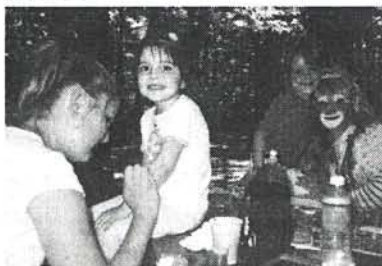
The kids started school. Jaxon likes it but says it's a lot harder than kindergarten was. The girls go to preschool on Tuesday and Thursday at the high school. They think that's pretty fun. We went for a family trip to Vernal to pick up a horse. On Labor Day we all went for a family horseback ride. We put Broox in a backpack and Aaron took Amberly on his horse. We went up to Brooks Lake and had a good time. Aaron's finishing irrigating and getting ready for the cows to come home in about a month. I'm staying busy with Broox. I'm still enrichment counselor for Relief Society. We love you all.

Loreen & Todd



Beach in Rhode Island

Hello, Family! We are so happy that our little boy is here. Caleb Todd Coons was born on Thursday, August 15 at 5:42 am. He weighed 8 pounds 4 ounces and was 19 inches long. He has lots of dark hair, soft skin, and he's so snuggly and wonderful. He is a joy to have around and is very pleasant. As you can imagine, he has three little mothers in addition to his mom and dad who love him. The girls are so pleased with him and want to be part of changing, bathing, dressing, and caring for him. They are a little disappointed that he sleeps so much because they always want to hold him. We love him so much and are so glad he is here.



Face painting at company picnic

It has been so nice to have Mom here with us. We have

thoroughly enjoyed her company and she has been very helpful with the kids and other things she can do. We have tried not to let her overdo it, but we know it has been a sacrifice for her to come help us and we appreciate it.



Caleb in hospital

We want as many as possible of you to share Caleb's blessing day with us, so we are planning to bless him the Sunday before Thanksgiving (November 24) in Mom and Lynn's ward. Please come if you can. It would mean a lot to us!! They reserved the clubhouse for lunch so we'll do a pot luck if you don't mind bringing something.



Grandma and family

The first day of school was quite eventful for the girls. After getting themselves up and fully ready at 4:30 a.m., Loreen asked them to please go back to bed. The merits of them getting up that early was that they wouldn't have missed the bus... they did. :) Not because they weren't ready, but because Todd's family prayer ran a little long. After AMEN, we opened the door and saw the yellow bus driving off. After school, their teachers put them on the wrong bus and they ended up going on a nice ride around town. Even with all of this, they love school and Hannah is especially excited and enjoying it.

Lawson & Kelly

We had a fun trip to Canada to visit Kelly's family up there. Kelly's mom (Lois) has a neighbor who has several old cars and he let me

take his 55 Thunderbird for a drive. We went to a park like Lagoon up in Calgary one of the days. Other than that we spent most of the time with family and relaxing. It was a nice trip.

The next week we spent a couple of days at Bear Lake with some friends. That lake is such a beautiful blue. We rented a wave runner and had a lot of fun with that.

The kids are all back into soccer. I'm coaching Tanner's team this time and I'm the assistant coach for Thayne's team. Cason is playing competitive soccer now. Cason, Tanner and Thayne started school. Thayne was just old enough to start and Kelly and I weren't sure if we should start him or not. Hopefully this will turn out to be a good choice.

Laura & Greg

Greg & Laura spent 2.5 weeks in London, Belgium and Holland going to the puzzle party and all kinds of tourist sites. It's incredible how old the castles and cathedrals were. It was an awesome trip. Even more awesome was that the 4 kids took care of themselves with a little help.

What a difference a year makes for Zachary.

Jeremy and Anthony did a 50 mile canoe trip down the Colorado River.

We don't want to shock everyone by too long of a newsletter entry (Greg is winded. He'll have Laura do it next time!)

Mom & Lynn

Lynn is in big bad trouble. Yes, again! I asked him to write the newsletter item on Sunday when I called him and I THOUGHT he said he would. Oh well!

Well, I'm back from Connecticut! I can hardly believe that I just spent 11 days near the cradle of the nation, the eastern seaboard, some of the important Church sites. And yet my biggest focus was on a tiny little boy, his three wonderful big sisters and his sweet Mom and great Dad. And I loved it! I started to say I didn't go out of the house but that's not true. We went outside to swing, check the garden, have picnics, go swimming in the small pool. I was outside lots! Chasing squirrels, being curious about the neighbors. But, in the usual sense of the word I was pretty well home bound. I did go to the store once. That's when I noticed

a decided difference in the demeanor of my fellow shoppers. Todd told me later that you just don't try to strike up a conversation with folks you don't know. Like smiling and saying, "Excuse me" in the grocery store. Or admiring someone's child. Or remarking on the content of the deli. He said that people think you are (1) Demented (2) Trying to sell something or get something from them or, (3) Just really nose. Oh well, I bet Connecticut people find some Utahan's habits strange!

I had a wonderful time and stuck to the Doctor's rules mostly. Caleb is a beautiful little boy and even better-he's HAPPY and GOOD! It was a great experience and one I probably owe to Brittney. All through the last few of months of Loreen's pregnancy, when I talked to Brittney her question was always "Will you be able to come when the baby is born?" When she first started asking, I told her I thought we would be gone on a mission. Then when I found out that I am falling apart-literally-and would need various surgeries I told her I didn't think I'd be able to come because I might be in the hospital or

recovering. She tried to take that in but expressed her strong desire for me to come. She never gave up asking, either. Even when I told her my surgeon didn't think I'd be well enough to come she said, "But I think you will feel well enough-don't you?" The faith of a child. The happiest moment came when I walked out of the Dr.'s office, gave her a call and told her I would be able to come. She said, "Oh, Grandma, that's SO GREAT! I knew you'd be able to come!" Thank you Brittney. Thank you Hannah and Aubrey-you're wonderful children and I love it that you love Grandma and need me! (I really thrive on being needed in case you didn't already know that.)

Now it's back to the main business. SELL THE HOUSE! We actually received an offer last night and yes, Lana, it was laughable. We're delivering a counteroffer today. PLEASE everyone, pray that it will sell. I'm planning on having my right knee replaced in October. I had scheduled it for September 13 but would cry when I thought about it. Loreen advised me to try to get a little

stronger first, forecasting that I will do better if I recover a little more from this last surgery first. That sounded good. I also have to have thousands of dollars worth of crowns on my teeth. That is unless I'd like to chance one of my huge fillings coming out while I'm in Guatemala (That was the doctor's statement-not mine.) So, I'll truly be "The Bionic Grandma Missionary" or the "Million Dollar Missionary" by the time we finally get out there. (Which we hope will be by mid-January)

I'm still nervous about going and need to build up my faith that the Lord will call us to wherever we're needed and that I can adjust to. Todd didn't help my trepidation at all when he told me they'd send us somewhere hard because we're willing to go anywhere. In other words, if you're willing to go anywhere, you probably will! I asked him how he would like to go where he knew the water was unsafe, there were bugs in the bed and if you ate with members you'd probably get a disease. That set him to thinking. Oh well, I'm praying and I know the Lord knows me.

Now, what will he come
up with to test Leah?
I love you all. I'm
looking forward to
having the Coons here
for blessing the baby.
Everyone COME! Larry,
COME! Leslie, COME!

I think you other 5
will be here. Just
think, we could make
a portrait sitting
appointment and
overwhelm them again.
I'd LOVE to have a
real family photo. I

love the one Lawson
and Kelly gave us for
Christmas but it's
already outdated.
Pray for us. We need
it!