



Happy Happenings!

58th Edition

November 2003

The Coons Family:

Hannah was student of the month for October!! She also had her picture in the town newspaper for being in the Garden Showcase.

Caleb is sure fun. He says the regular words like "MaMa, DaDa, No, Bye," etc. He also says (very clearly!) "Hello, Uh Oh, Wow" and his favorite word is "Shoe." He loves to have his shoes on and asks for them every time he wakes up. He says, "Shoe, shoe, shoe" until we get them on him. Aubrey and Caleb and I have been going to a "Family Time" at the library. We play, do activities, and then there is some structured time at the end for singing and stuff. We all enjoy it.

We got our house ready to sell and went to our friend's, the Cranes, house for the weekend. We enjoyed visiting with them and went to the temple. We put our house on the market on Sat., Oct. 11 and had an offer that night. Unfortunately he backed out two weeks later so the house is back on the market!

We had an amazing Stake Conference and were inspired by President Monson. Todd went to the Priesthood Leadership session, then I got a babysitter and joined him for the adult session. We sat in the center of the fifth row which was incredible. On Sunday Brittney and I sang in the choir. President Monson has such an amazing memory! He doesn't use notes but he remembers names, places, dates, scriptures, poems, songs, and more. He had us laughing and crying and we were enriched and strengthened so much by the Spirit. His granddaughter and her family are in our Stake. President Monson's daughter (mother of the girl in our stake) came. She is on the Young Women's General Board and he called them all up to speak.

I went on a field trip with Brittney to the Noah Webster house. He wrote Webster's Dictionary; it took him 27 years! They have the house and staff set up like it would have been in Colonial times in 1775. They took us through the house and then had the kids go to "School." If the children wanted to speak to the teacher they had to raise their hand and when she called on them they had to bow (boys) or curtsy (girls) and say, "Mistress White" before they could speak. The kids had to sit straight and they couldn't smile or laugh. If they disobeyed any of the rules she made them put their nose on a knothole on the wall or hold a small log straight out in front of them until she told them they could sit down. They wrote with a feather pen and did recitations and other things that children would have done at a Colonial school. The children were very good so the teacher rewarded them - with a Spelling Bee! And Brittney won!! It was so fun and it was great to be with Brittney.

We love and miss you all and hope to see you before too long. Enjoy the pictures of the kids!



The Sorensen Family:

Hello, Family. Things here are good. We had a pretty good month. The calves came back home, so Aaron is back to doing chores night & morning.

We took a trip to Utah to go to the temple & for a Utah Youth Rodeo. We picked up the kids from school & got to Aaron's parents' late Monday night. Tuesday morning we got up early & went to the Logan Temple. Then we all went to the cemetery & watched them set Amberly's headstone. The picture we are putting in the headstone wasn't done yet, but it looks really nice. Then I went to Lawson's to try to get the videos organized enough so he can work with them. He's been very nice to try to help figure them out. Then I met up with Aaron & the kids in Ogden for their rodeo. It was kind of confusing this first time because they had stuff going in 2 arenas. Jancy did dummy roping for 5 & under & got 4th. She rode a sheep & almost made it to the 6 seconds, but not quite. They both did very well in barrels & poles. Out of 25 kids, Jancy got 3rd in barrels. Jaxon & his new horse Choc were a little nervous. They got the fastest time but tipped some barrels over. In the poles there were about 20 kids & Jancy got 3rd & Jaxon got the fastest time again, but he tipped over the last pole before coming home, so they got a 5 second penalty. They did well & other than being a little tired they had fun. Lawson & Kelly stuck it out & watched the whole thing. It went a lot longer than we thought it would & we didn't leave until 10:30 & got home around 4:30. There is another one Nov. 18 if anyone wants to come watch.

Lawson & Kelly & Family came for a visit. They got here Fri. afternoon & left after church on Sunday. We had lots of fun riding horses, riding 4-wheelers, looking for deer, shooting guns, & killing a coyote. Cason kept the tail. It was a fun weekend.

We are planning to stay here for Thanksgiving. Aaron's brother, Will, may come, so if anyone wants to they are welcome here.

Happy Birthday!

<i>Lynn</i>	<i>Nov. 1</i>
<i>Loreen</i>	<i>Nov. 3</i>
<i>Rich</i>	<i>Nov. 21</i>
<i>Anthony</i>	<i>Nov. 21</i>

Happy Anniversary

Lisa & Steve Nov. 30 (1979)





*Amberly Clare Sorensen
 August 9, 1999 - July 20, 2003
 Daughter, Sister, Friend to all
 Amberly, our Angel, forever in our hearts*



*My Family
 Aaron, Lana
 Jaxon, Jancy, Amberly, Broox
 Families are Forever*

Elder and Sister White:

Hi Family,

Just a little update from Dallas. We have really been enjoying ourselves. On Fast Sunday in September we truly prayed in connection with our fast, that we'd have joy and happiness, peace and contentment while on our mission. And we have seen such a change! Its so wonderful! There are probably several things which help the situation. We have two new office couples and they are both so nice. And so loving and giving and peaceful. So the atmosphere has improved so much. PLUS the fact that I have a new partner working with me. We're doing the apartments and the finances together. It's working out so well! And he's a guy that I can REALLY work well with! YUP, you guessed it—it's my companion, Elder Honey. When the new local couple came we had planned to give them the apartments. After all, I think the apartments represent the biggest job in the office. But we started thinking about how weird it would be for me to work closely with Elder Rogers (because the apartments and finances are so closely connected). And how strange it would be to have Lynn and Sister Rogers work on the referrals and recording baptisms. So, Lynn decided to change hats. And I'm SO glad. We're loving it. We still aren't caught up but it's looking better.

We're still very concerned about our house in Bountiful. Lisa says that Shauna is an ANGEL. Shauna has painted nearly all of the house with some help from Lisa. I guess the guy had started painting it stark white—even the rooms which we had just had professionally painted before we left. And there are lots of other things David and Shauna are planning to do to get it in shape. I think Lawson is going to help this weekend. So, all of you who can't be there, remember to PRAY! We need to sell it very badly.

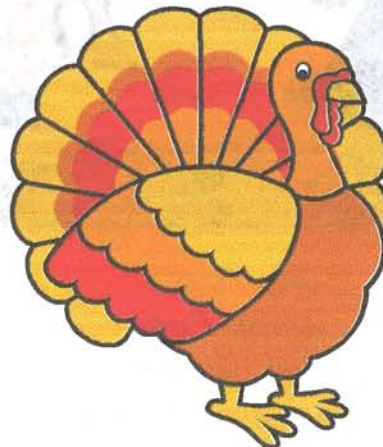
We're looking forward to Thanksgiving. We think we have permission to go to Leslie and Greg's for Thanksgiving. I'm counting on it anyhow. It'll mean a lot of work before we go since the end of the month is a busy time for us. But I can't wait. Leslie and I have agreed to go shopping on the day after—even though neither of us has money. It's tradition! I can't believe I won't be with Laura, Lana and Kelly. Miss me—Ok?

I'm sending you a little optical illusion that I found to be fun. Hope you're inspired by what you see when you stare at the four dots, close your eyes and look up. It's a pretty good exercise—especially the looking up part. I need to do more looking to Him.

I'm also sending you the words to a song which have helped me so much since Amberly died. I struggled so much at the beginning and I played this song over and over—crying as I heard it. It pretty much says what has helped me a LOT! I do trust that God is in control and I do try to hold on to the things I know.

I love you all. Pray for your parents/grandparents. Send letters. Send packages. Send pictures. We need to hear from you.

Love, Mom



THE THINGS I KNOW

by
Doug Walker



I know little babies come from Heaven,
I know God made those tiny hands and hearts.
I know rainbows and roses are no accident,
Neither are the sun, moon and stars.

So when I doubt, and there are things in life I just can't figure out,
I trust that God is in control.
And I hold on to the things I know.

I know death is not the end of my soul,
I know some thing divine lives in us all.
And I know there is someone watching over me,
I know my prayers are heard beyond these walls.

So when I doubt, and there are things in life I just can't figure out,
I trust that God is in control.
And I hold on to the things I know.

What good is a test if all the answers are there in front of you?
Some things take faith, I know that's true.

I know a little Baby came from Heaven,
The promise of the whole human race.
I know nothing else can hold a candle
To His love, His mercy and His grace.

So when I doubt, and there are things in life I just can't figure out,
I trust that God is in control.
And I hold on to the things I know.

I'll hold on, hold on to the things I know.



The Burnett Family:



Meguire has started crawling! Here's a picture of her on all fours. This was just before she started crawling, when she was trying to figure it out! She is still just a really good baby and we enjoy having her around.

Landon still doesn't have much interest in using the toilet. Sometimes Kelly will smell his pants and ask if he's poopy. He always says no. Then he'll smell her pants and say "Are you poopy?!" He's a cute kid and fun most of the time. He also has a pretty stubborn 2 year old attitude sometimes! Kelly has some pretty creative ways to deal with that! Funny how just using some little words differently can make him act a lot better.

Thayne is enjoying school. A while ago he was so excited to bring home a word list to study for a spelling test! He came home and said he got to take a spelling test just like Tanner! He was so cute with it. He kept asking everyone to give him the practice test. I'll bet he did it 20 times at least. And he did get 100% on the test!

Tanner and Cason are starting indoor soccer. Kelly and I like to watch that. It's very fast paced and exciting.

We went to Dad's house on conference weekend. It was nice to spend some time there. He seems to be doing well healthwise.

On UEA weekend we were going to go to the sand dunes, but decided to go to Aaron and Lana's instead. That was sure a lot of fun. We had fun riding horses and 4-wheelers. We did a little deer hunting with Aaron. We saw a few but Aaron wanted something bigger than what we saw. We went out and shot bottles and stuff with a 22. Here are several pictures from that trip:

Kelly and Lana

Kelly and Landon on a horse

The kids getting ready to ride horses

The kids at the park after church

The kids on 4-wheelers

Lana and the kids on the truck

Jaxon shooting the 22

Aaron and Lana were very hospitable. Lana had food ready every time we turned around! And yummy treats in between! The kids all had so much fun together and were asking when we could go back as soon as we started driving out!

Too bad it's not a little closer.

Last weekend I went to the Summit for a last little trip and to winterize the place. Kelly decided to stay home with Meguire, so I just went with the crazies! The boys had their last outdoor soccer games so we didn't leave to head up there till the afternoon. We had a nice fire, roasted hot dogs and marshmallows and had cobbler that night. The next day we went on a couple of fun 4-wheeler rides up the canyons. In the evening we got things packed up, did the winterizing and headed home.

The weather turned nice and cold just in time for Halloween! The weather was so nice the week before, but then the snow and cold started. We only had about 10 kids come to our house. We had a trunk or treat at the church and then the kids did a little around the neighborhood after that.

