

HAPPY HAPPENINGS!

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THE WILSONS

Hi Everybody, Well February is not quiet over yet but I am on duty with not much to keep me awake so I'll knock this out early. Amy got some exciting news earlier this month - she got a letter from USU offering her a six thousand dollar scholarship. She was really excited but when we sat down and thought about it I said that unless they would let her in under the Western Undergraduate Exchange (WUE) then that wouldn't amount to that great of a deal. WUE is 150% of instate tuition. So the next day I called them up and ask if they were going to admit her under WUE. They told me that they had not gone through the WUE board yet but that if she was granted WUE status she would have to choose between WUE and the scholarship. All in all it looks like BYU is still the best deal going for her. She is excited for college next year but she is also sad about having to leave here. She has made lots of good friends at school and they are all starting to panic because they only have so many more weekends before they graduate and go their separate directions.

Amy also put my mechanical abilities to the test this month. She came home late one night in her friends car. She said that our car had died in front of the friends house and they had not been able to jump start it. I had just started an exercise so I was working 12 hour shifts with and hour in-brief before you started and then you had to hang around for an hour after to brief the incoming guy. With that schedule it figured, no big deal, I still have 10 hours to burn. We pulled the car home and Amy and I spent nights out in the driveway pulling the starter out, testing the battery etc. After everything tested good I was just about to pull the steering column out to get at the ignition switch when I looked on the floor and saw a little plastic chip with some electrical connectors on the end. Then I remembered when we bought the thing they told us that there was an anti-theft devise installed that you could pull out when you left the car. It was kind of down mid way above the brake. We had never used it but I guess she accidentally knocked it out. I'm just glad we didn't take it to the shop. I would have ended up in the joke section on the mechanics trade union book under dumbest things I've ever seen.

Jeff is growing up too fast lately. A couple of weeks ago out of nowhere he started showering without being physically threatened and paying attention to how his hair looked. He even ask us to get him some sort of body spray deodorant stuff. When we tried to get to the bottom of what was going on it turns out that there is a girl named Angela in one of his classes. He thinks she is really cute and she says that he is her favorite guy friend. I'm glad we are moving this summer! Still don't know where.

We got out and did the Texas thing this month. A few weeks back the Texas Stock Show and Rodeo came to town so we got tickets. We went down and saw the stock show then we hit the rodeo. It had been awhile since I had see one and it was pretty good. Somehow it just wasn't the same sitting in the big SBC Center where the Spurs play. I wanted to be in Nephi under the stars watching the Ute Stampede. After the rodeo Jeff Foxworthy came out and did his show. If your not familiar with Jeff Foxworthy he is the guy who talks about "You might be a redneck if", wife's hair has ever gotten caught in a ceiling fan, a tornado has ever hit your neighborhood and done 100K in improvements, etc. Luckily the family could not really say yes to any of the questions and only about 50% of them nailed me.

THE COONS

The Daddy/daughter campout at the first of February was fun for all. Todd, Brittney, Hannah and Aubrey had fun roasting marshmallows, hiking and collecting treasures, making crafts, and being together. They slept in the tent, though Todd almost brought them home late that night because the neighborhood campers were having a little too much loud fun. Tracy and I had dinner together. We put the boys to bed (Caleb in the port-a-crib) and watched "Emma." It was great.

Todd did get a job at Intel and his first day of work was March 1. Since he has to drive to get there, we bought a car two days before. We must have really liked our last car because we bought another blue Toyota Corolla. This one is quite a bit newer and nicer but didn't end up costing much more than the last one. We like it and hope we'll have it for a long time.

I started volunteering at school once a week. I go into Hannah's class for a little over an hour, then to Brittney's for a little over an hour. Last time I went to lunch with both girls, too. I loved it and am looking forward to it.

Caleb is so fun. His favorite things are dogs and tractors. They are starting a new subdivision not too far away so we see lots of tractors when we go walking and he gets so excited. Actually, anything bigger than a van is a tractor so we see tractors all the time and he's a happy guy. His favorite tractor is the garbage truck.

Aubrey was having such a good time cutting out paper snowflakes that she decided to see if she could get the same effect on her hair. She cut off a chunk on the left side so now she has a short bob. It was hard for me to see the hair go because her hair has grown so slowly, but maybe this will be good for it and it'll grow faster. She really does look cute.

Brittney and Hannah are doing well with the piano. Hannah has strep so we're hoping no one else gets it.

We love you. Have a wonderful day!

THE WHITES

Hi to our family who mean so very much to us! We are here on a mission; we have been called of the Lord to serve Him; we are working hard and we love what we are doing but we miss seeing all of you! We don't hear from you often enough. We are missing out on what is going on in your lives. Do you get the idea we love going to the mail box and find something there from one of you this includes grandchildren too?

We feel so grateful that Lawson's accident was not more serious than it was. But do you realize that it was *really* serious? He wont come right out and say how painful it has been and how handicapped he is (Tanner told me he had to help his Dad in and out of bed). So lets all rally around and pray for him and for his family. We love you Lawson.

One big concern continues with us selling the house in Bountiful. We changed realtors about ten days ago. We now have a realtor who lives there in Bountiful. There have been three showings so far (nothing more yet). Tomorrow (March 3) the realtors in the Bountiful area take a tour of newly listed homes, so, we hope several realtors will see the house and hopefully be impressed with the idea they will then show the house to prospective buyers. This, coupled with the fact that a very hard Utah winter is beginning to break up, makes us very hopeful more people will be looking for a home. Keep praying for us! Thanks. We love each of you so much.



THE SORENSENS

Broox had a good birthday. He didn't like it when we sang to him but he really liked the presents.

The kids had spring break which was kind of funny timing. Thursday and Friday the weather was nice so they were able to ride their horses and play outside. We went fishing and we caught several nice fish. Then Saturday morning we woke up to about 8-10 inches of snow. Then they had fun driving the four-wheeler around pulling the sled and playing in the snow.

We have about 2 1/2 months until the baby comes. I'm feeling well.

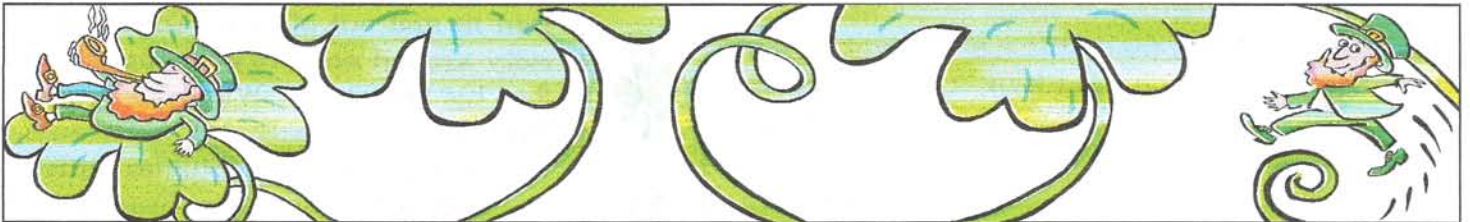
The kids are doing well in school. Aaron has about 150 calves and about 350 to go so he's pretty busy.

We have another rodeo on Tuesday, March 16 at

Happy Birthday

Landon - March 21

Aaron - March 25



THE BURNETTS

Of course our big news for now is my broken leg. Here's a picture. Most have heard, but here's the story just in case... Cason, Tanner, Thayne and I went skiing to Brighton on President's Day. We rode with some friends. I had a feeling that morning that I should just take my own car, but I dismissed it as being silly. As it turned out, the roof rack on the car we went in came loose on the highway and my skis and Cason's board came out. My skis got destroyed and Cason's bindings got messed up. At that point I thought about going back home, but didn't want to ruin the day for the kids so we went on and got rental equipment. I had the rental place adjust my bindings for intermediate skiing since I was going to be with the kids skiing that day. That worked fine until Cason wanted to go on an advanced run toward the end of the day. One of the other guys took the other kids. I didn't even think about the bindings not being adjusted for that type of skiing (until after the fact). We started down the run and on one of my left turns, my right ski just came off (because it was too loose) and then I lost my balance forward, fell forward downhill and broke my leg before that left binding released. Ski patrol carted me down in a sled and the clinic there put on a temporary cast (that hurt!). Then on to the emergency room, more x-rays and the orthopedic surgeon sent me home to come back to his office the next day (that hurt too!) The next day he reviewed the x-rays and said that things were lined up well enough to just cast it and not do surgery. I was all in favor of that because I didn't want the metal in my leg forever bothering me. So now after about 2 1/2 weeks, I'm feeling a lot better. I started back to work this week and can get around without every movement hurting! Thanks to all for your concern and prayers. Especially thanks to Kelly for all she has done to make it as good as possible.



Meguire is just a sweet little thing. Here's a picture of her sleeping in her high chair. She is just a lot of fun. She's started giving kisses (open mouth!) and she'll sing and click her tongue. She had her 1 year birthday last month and had fun with her cake (picture). Her hair is growing and Kelly has fun doing things with it.

Landon is a fun kid. He knows his birthday and phone number. I think he mostly knows his address too. He has some fun 2 year old tendencies! One of them is not going to the bathroom on the toilet though! He totally understands the concept but just still doesn't have much interest!

Thayne, Tanner and Cason are having fun with their sports. They're finishing up basketball and Cason and Tanner have started another round of indoor soccer. The last game for Kelly's and my team was last week. I taped it! Kelly scored 2 goals and our team won. Kelly will start playing another session in a few weeks and I'll just have to watch. It's kind of hard for me not to be out playing, but I enjoy watching them play too.



Cason entered the science fair and got third at his school. Then he went on to the district level and got a third place award there too! Now he's going on to the regional level. This is all funny because he's not actually doing that great in his science class at school! His mom just helped him come up with a good science fair project I guess!

