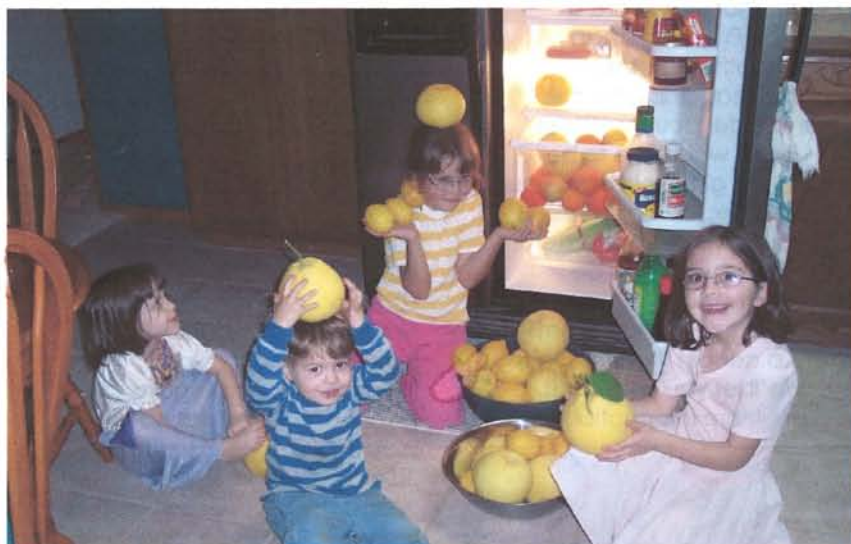


Happy Happenings



Coons kids picked lots of citrus!

Birthdays

- Landon turns 4 on March 21st.
- Aaron's birthday is March 25th.

Taking Turns

Mom, Lawson and Loreen are going to take turns doing the newsletter (Lawson in March, Mom in April, Loreen in May, etc.).

If you're not sure who is doing the newsletter, you can always send your entry to any one of us and we'll forward it on.

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Family Reunion 2005

The family reunion this year will be at the Summit. Here is a tentative schedule:

Fri., July 1

Bring your own lunch, Dinner together.

Sat., July 2

Go to Lava Hot Springs.

Sun., July 3

Go to church in Malad, Work on the Humanitarian Project.

Mon., July 4

Parade in Malad, Fireworks.

Tues., July 5

Breakfast together, Go home.

* We'll do all the meals together. Each family will be in charge of a breakfast **and** lunch **or** a dinner (meals include drinks). If you have a preference on the meals you would like to cook, contact Loreen.

* Mom and Lynn won't do a meal; they will provide all the paper products.

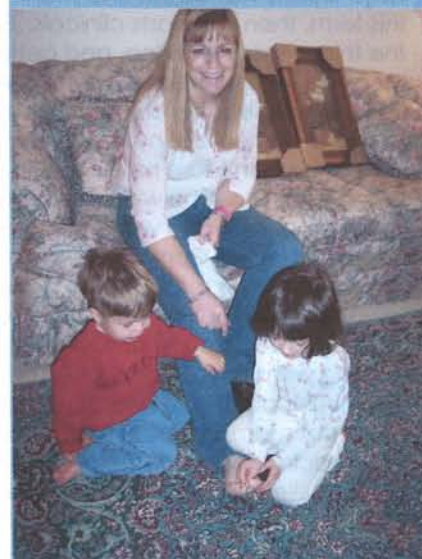
* There are cooking utensils at the Summit, including charcoal, dutch ovens, a Propane stove, griddles, etc.

* I think everyone should give Mom and Lynn \$20 per family for utilities, cleaning supplies, and other things they will have to purchase to make this possible.

* We'll be camping out so everyone is in charge of bringing their own tent, sleeping bags, etc.

* We'd like each family to be in charge of bringing at least one game, craft, or activity for the group to do together.

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You mean Leslie REALLY wears rings on her toes?!



Grandma, Grandpa and Nona

Humanitarian Project & Gift Exchange

* We talked about the idea of giving some money toward a Humanitarian Project instead of buying each other Christmas presents this year. This is for the siblings and older cousins (Older cousins – if you would like to be included in the gift exchange, you certainly can be; just call Loreen.) Lisa and Laura will be in charge of the project and we will all be working on it together at the reunion. We may ask each family to donate a certain thing or some money. We'll let you know as it gets closer. More information to come.

Cousin Gift Exchange:

<u>Giver</u>	<u>Receiver</u>
Brianna	Zachary
Jeff	Brittney
Anthony	Thayne
Onlylyn	Tanner
Zachary	Broox
Cason	Anthony
Tanner	Onlylyn
Thayne	Caleb
Landon	Hannah
Meguire	Jancy
Brittney	Dixon
Hannah	Meguire
Aubrey	Brianna
Caleb	Jaxon
Jaxon	Aubrey
Jancy	Cason
Broox	Landon

Steve & Lisa

Hi, all! It doesn't feel like winter should be over yet, but I enjoy the warmer spring weather (unlike the rest of my family who would love more snow!). It is fun to see flowers popping out of the ground and trees budding. We are all doing well - not much change here! Jared is doing well with his job, and loves riding the UTA bus. He has got to be one of the luckiest guys in the world because he says most every day that he loves his job. Not many can say that every day! Jenny has about one month left of classes for this term, then she starts clinicals. She really loves all the things she is learning, and getting lots of good ideas on things Jared needs help with. She also tapes Cory's legs before his track meets - his own personal trainer! Jenny has a new Primary class this year and wasn't sure how it would go, but she is loving that, too. She works at a Physical Therapy office filing, and also works for Jared on work related needs at home. Cory is heavy into track - every day after school plus meets. He is doing hurdles and javelin and really enjoys it - way more than football - Yea! He is involved in school choir, doing piano, helping with plays...there definitely aren't enough hours in his day! I am working on getting furniture for our great room, stripping wallpaper in our bedroom and redoing that, working on a quilt, and doing lots for my Relief Society calling. Steve does work and church - and stays real busy with those! He will be going to Taiwan and Korea soon. We love you all! Let me know if you have ideas for our Reunion Service Project! Laura and I have some ideas, but we are open for others!



Mom & Lynn

Hi Family! Boy, we sure have missed Happy Happenings for the last couple of months. Sure makes us appreciate the years of service Loreen has given in making sure we had the news! Thank you honey! So, Lawson and I have agreed to take turns with her. If anyone else would like a turn, let us know!

Time has certainly passed quickly since we've been home from our mission. When we first got home all we could think about was the mission. Quite an adjustment. Now, life is pretty much back to the here and now. We just try to keep up.

We enjoyed Christmas at the Sorensens! It was great! And then we really loved seeing each of you and exchanging gifts before heading off for Arizona. A MONTH! Yup we spent a month bouncing around from the Coons to the Burnetts to the Wilsons. We wore out our welcome at one place, then moved on, only to return a week later. We had a great time. We did the things we dreamed about while we were in Dallas and found out that retirement is good for something! Thank all of you so much.

So now we're settling in and doing some projects. We just painted our office with *stripes!* AND got new *SMALL* furniture. It's going to make a lot of difference as we both get going on projects taxes, pictures, genealogy, personal history.

Caleb honored Grandma and Grandpa by inviting them to the couch to cover up with his "blankie".

We love you all and pray for you lots. Pray for us! We need it!

In her element!





Pouring concrete

Todd & Loreen

We loved having Mom and Lynn come visit us in January. They helped us out a lot while they were here. We poured concrete, planted fruit trees, and lots of other projects. We painted our family room and bedroom (including closet and bathroom areas) and Leslie came and helped us decorate. It was so kind of them to help us and we really enjoyed being able to spend time with them – something we have missed for a long time!!

Todd went to Japan for work for 5 days. It was a good trip for him and he even ate raw fish. Yes, it was still twitching when they brought it to the table. Actually they cooked that part in boiling water at their table and ate it. The raw stuff was thinly-sliced. He said it was good. He brought us some fun souvenirs and snacks.

Our main project lately has been to get our garden planted. It's about 30 feet by 120 feet, so it's pretty big for us. Each of the girls got their own spot to plant whatever they wanted. We have enjoyed it and hope to get lots of vegetables from it.

Brittney is going to be starting softball and Todd is going to coach her team. Hannah will be starting Ballet and Aubrey is going to be in a class where they read and act out stories.

The weather here is perfect. We have been eating lots of citrus from our neighbors' trees and we have all been very healthy. We are doing well. We love you all.

Lawson & Kelly

(this is actually from January!)

We are a much more tonsil free family now! Thayne and Tanner got theirs out first and Landon and Cason got theirs out just before Christmas. It really made a difference for Tanner's sleeping and it looks like it will help Cason quite a bit too.

Cason got his Star scout rank last month. He's doing well with his scouting and Duty to God progress in Young Mens.

Kelly asked Landon to do something and he told her "I'm not Landon". She asked who he was and he said he was Batman! So Batman got to do whatever it was that needed to be done! He's really a pretty witty little kid.

We had a good Christmas. We spent the morning at home and then headed down to Kanab in the afternoon. We spent a few days with Dad, Connie and Melanie. Lisa and kids also came down. We had fun doing some sightseeing and riding 4 wheelers and such. It's a little different down there. The sagebrush isn't so out of the ordinary, but the cactus is a little different for us! We had a lot of fun watching Napoleon Dynamite at Dad's house! That's about the dumbest movie

ever, but once you watch it and then start quoting lines from it with others who have watched it, it starts to get pretty funny! Since the Piersons were there, Jenny, Cory and Jared were all quoting it along with our kids, so watching the movie all together was pretty funny! We let Mom and Lynn borrow the movie, but I don't know if they'll think it's very funny if they watch it by themselves. We warned them to make sure they had no expectation of anything at all and that they still might be a little disappointed!

We were planning on going to Springville for New Year's, but we were tired and the weather was supposed to get bad, so we stayed home and had some friends over. It was an enjoyable evening. We did a few fireworks at midnight. Mom and Lynn came on New Year's Day and went to The Incredibles with us. That was a good movie. Then we exchanged gifts and such at our house after.

Yesterday was our first 1pm church. It was so miserable!!! Meg fell asleep in

sacrament meeting and was still out of it enough at the end that Kelly just took her to nursery and laid her on the floor on her blanket! Landon was fighting sleep, but he was so tired and miserable that he wouldn't go to his new sunbeam class. I sat with him for quite a while and finally had to take him to young men's with me because Kelly was teaching young women's. Once church finally ended things really got bad! We were all pretty cranky from fasting and missing our Sunday afternoon naps! We made it through dinner and then Kelly crashed in bed and I crashed on the couch with the boys watching a video! Well, 1 down, 51 more weeks to go!

Jancy called me yesterday and asked if I would speak at her baptism... on September 25th!! That's planning ahead! I talked to Lana and praised her for being so prepared and planning so far ahead. She told me that it was actually Jancy who wanted to get it planned! (continued)



Burnetts new stuff...

Cason has started wrestling and is loving it. He has been to a couple of tournaments but hasn't won yet. People have told him not to expect to win for quite a while because most of the people he's up against have been doing it for several years. He's just really liking it and is committed to it so far. Hopefully it lasts!

Tanner and Thayne are playing indoor soccer and will start outdoor soon.

Landon is enjoying preschool but still struggles with primary!

Meg is very cute. She's talking lots and will often sit at the computer and click away on the mouse while jabbering on the phone! Wonder who she's been watching?! Kelly can often be found doing the same thing!

Things with our basement are coming along well. We have the whole thing to the point of painting. We've painted the bathroom and part of the laundry room. Next we'll be doing some tile and then have someone come lay carpet. It will be so nice to have the extra space.

Kelly and I are still playing and enjoying our co-ed indoor soccer. That will go for another month or so and then we'll probably wait till next winter to do it again.



Mom loves to do Meg's hair!

Lana & Aaron

The Sorensons have had a good month. It started out rough with a few cases of strep throat.

We took Dixon to Primary Children's for his procedure and ended up staying in Utah for a week. It was great to see family while we were there. Broox had his third birthday with lots of fun birthday parties while we were there.

Jancy was complaining that her eyes were hurting so we took her to the doctor. They said she needs reading glasses. Jancy was pretty excited about that.

Jaxon and Jancy played on a little basketball team through the school. It was very non competitive and they both had a lot of fun.

The saddest news for the Sorenson family is that we had to put Grandma down. We dug a nice hole for her. Broox and Mom were very sad.