

Happy Happenings

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This Edition by MOM



The Coons Family

Hello, Everyone! Thanks, Mom and Lynn, for doing the newsletter this month! And Lawson sure did a great job last month! It's sure nice to hear from people and know what is going on in the different families. There are just so many things we wouldn't know if it weren't for the newsletter.

The Coons family is doing very well. We have started a new session of Parks and Rec activities.

Aubrey is in an acting class,



Hannah is in Ballet,



and

Brittney is in softball with **Todd** as the team coach. We have two games and one practice a week so we're getting used to the busy schedule. We'd like to have one of the practices here in our back yard. It has been fun for Brittney if you don't count getting hit in the face with the ball or striking out at the game



We had a fun FHE activity on Monday. We flew a kite in our back yard. The wind was perfect and even **Caleb** was able to fly it.



Then we jumped on the Wilson's trampoline together and took turns doing tricks. We had a great time. We were practicing cartwheels and Aubrey did the best ones!! She would like to be a gymnast.

We have been buying raw milk from some people in our ward and we even made our own butter with the cream. It is so yummy! The kids were counting up how much money we can save every week on milk

and butter (and we could make ice cream, etc., too) by buying our milk from them. We also bought eggs from the people down the street.

Our big hobby is our garden. We have everything planted and things are sprouting like crazy. It's way bigger than we've ever had so we will have a lot to keep up with. We are doing it all organic and hoping for some delicious vegetables this year. We still eat peas every day from the plants we planted in the fall. They are so good that we eat the whole pod. The kids always take visitors back there and let them pick some peas.

Piano is going well. Brittney and I are playing the duet "Tomorrow" from Annie, and Hannah and I are playing the duet "How Much is That Doggie in the Window?" together. It is very fun!

We love our little kitty, **Rosemary**. She disappeared for two nights and a day and we were so sad. We prayed and the kids cried. We were so happy when she came back! She's getting fixed and vaccinated today.



That's it for us. We love you all!!



PS Hannah is getting baptized on Sat., July 16 and you are all invited. And we know you all want to be in Arizona in July!! Anyway, if you would like to come, now you know the date and you can plan for it.

CORY is doing great in track!

I'm not sure of his scores, but he's breaking records!! Way to go, Cory! Grandma and Grandpa are PROUD! (The good kind)

Congratulations Jeremy!

You all probably know this by now, but in case you didn't, I got my mission call. I am going to the Brazil Belo Horizonte mission. I am so excited to go. I report to the Sao Paulo MTC on June 29, but I leave Utah the day before that. I guess it will be good-bye at the airport. I haven't quite hit the nervous stage yet, but I am sure I will soon. I haven't heard anything about it yet, but I assume I will talk in church sometime in June. You are all invited if you want to come.

Jeremy



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Elder Jeremy Brooks Dye
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Dear Elder Dye:

You are hereby called to serve as a missionary of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. You are assigned to labor in the Brazil Belo Horizonte Mission. It is anticipated that you will serve for a period of 24 months.

You should report to the Sao Paulo MTC on Wednesday, 29 June 2005. You will prepare to preach the gospel in the Portuguese language. Your mission president may modify your specific assignment according to the needs of the mission.

You have been recommended as one worthy to represent the Lord as a minister of the restored gospel. You will be an official representative of the Church. As such, you will be expected to maintain the highest standards of conduct and appearance by keeping the commandments, living mission rules, and following the counsel of your mission president.

You will also be expected to devote all your time and attention to serving the Lord, leaving behind all other personal affairs. As you do these things the Lord will bless you and you will become an effective advocate and messenger of the truth. We place in you our confidence and pray that the Lord will help you meet your responsibilities in fulfilling this sacred assignment.

The Lord will reward you for the goodness of your life. Greater blessings and more happiness than you have yet experienced await you as you humbly and prayerfully serve the Lord in this labor of love among His children.

You will be set apart as a missionary by your stake president. Please send your written acceptance promptly, endorsed by your bishop.

Sincerely,

James A. Robinson
President

THE BURNETTS

Cason is enjoying wrestling. A couple of weeks ago he actually scored some points in one of his matches! He almost won but the other boy came back and beat him. Last week he had a really tough match and the other boy threw him over his shoulder a few times and ended up hurting his chest. Cason had a dentist visit last week and he has 5 cavities! He has some work to do!



Tanner has finished indoor and has started outdoor soccer. He's really enjoying soccer and does well at it. Tanner is doing well with his scouting and progressing toward his Arrow of Light. He has really good leaders. Some of you may know that Tanner does Polynesian dancing. He even performed at a Luau a while ago! He really enjoys the dancing but it's pretty funny when he gets up and performs with these other dark skinned boys! And he is very light skinned! They do a slap dance where they slap their chests and his white chest gets all red!



Thayne's indoor soccer team has 1 more game next week. They'll be playing for first place in his bracket. His little team does really well and they fun. Usually have lots of fun. However sometimes Thayne plays goalie and if he lets a goal in he sometimes gets pretty upset and will sit down in the goal and pout a little! Thayne played on an outdoor 3 on 3 tournament recently and his team took 1st place! He will start his outdoor AYSO soccer this coming week. Thayne thought he wanted to take piano lessons so Kelly let him try, but he only made it about 1 week! Maybe later!



Landon really enjoys his preschool. They do fun outings and have fun activities. Today they had a police officer come and talk to them. Landon got a Roy Police sticker that looks like a badge and he wore it all day!



Meguire

is really into talking on the phone. I mentioned before how she'll sit at the computer and click away on the mouse while she jabbers on the phone (like her we've been tell us that our house and for a while. the phone and she won't ever go get anyone! I had it happen to me once. I called for Kelly and Meg answered. I talked to her a little and then asked if Mom was there. She said yes and that she'd go get her, but then she just came back a minute later and started talking to me again! I never did get to talk to Kelly and she didn't know that I had called!



Mom!) But lately having people they've called talked to Meg Meg will answer talk to them but

I've still been working away in the basement. I ran out of steam a little and haven't been staying up late every night like I had been, but I still try to get down and get some done each night. Right now I'm working on the tile on the shower walls in the bathroom. That's a little more tricky than a floor! The tiles don't necessarily stay right where you put them! We just need to finish that and then some painting so we can have the carpet people come. Hopefully by next newsletter I will be announcing that it's all done! One can hope.

Kelly and I are plugging along busily through life. Lots to do with work, church, school, etc. like everyone else. Things are going well overall though and we are blessed.



April 9-Jeffrey
April 9-Jaxon
April 19-Jared

Remember:

Our prophets have told us to read the Book of Mormon. President Marion G. Romney gave a great promise in the April 1980 Conference:

I feel certain that if, in our homes, parents will read from the Book of Mormon prayerfully and regularly, both by themselves and with their children, the spirit of that great book will come to permeate our homes and all who dwell therein. The spirit of reverence will increase: mutual respect and consideration for each other will grow. The spirit of contention will depart. Parents will counsel their children in wisdom. Children will be more responsive and submissive to the council of their parents. Righteousness will increase. Faith, hope and charity - the pure love of Christ - will abound in our homes and lives, bringing in their wake peace, joy and happiness. -



The Sorensens

The Sorensens are all doing well. **Aaron** is busy with work. He has a guy named Jasper working for him. He's a kid from Garland and a returned missionary. Our kids think he's fun. They're putting in a new 185 acre pivot and changing lots of things around. The cows are about done calving. We had a warm winter so things have gone well there. Church keeps him busy with meetings and interviews and phone calls.

Jaxon is ready for his 9th birthday. He's having a friend over to go shoot guns. Then we'll build a fire and roast hot dogs and have a pinata. He earned his Wolf in cub scouts and is excited to move onto Bears.



Jancy does great in school. She is really good with Broox and Dixon. She likes to come home and jump on the tramp, check on the chickens and practice the piano. (What she'd really like to do is come home and watch TV but she's a good girl.)



Broox is a great kid. He loves his little brother and is usually nice to him. A few weeks ago Broox asked me where Granny was. I told him her body was in the ground and her spirit is in heaven. He said, so serious, "Oh man, I want to ride her today". It was cute. He gets to ride the Palomino now. He loves to play in the sandbox and be outside.



Dixon is a great kid too. He is very happy and easy going. He crawls everywhere checking everything out, leaving messes wherever he goes. He likes to play in the sandbox and crawl around outside. He's starting to let go of things to test his balance and the kids get so proud of him.



I'm doing well. I've been trying to get the yard raked and cleaned up. But then the wind blows 40 MPH and I get to start all over again. It's nice to have good weather so I can be out with the boys. We had Elder Bednar come for Stake Conference. He gave really good talks and we took the kids up to shake his hand. We went to Vernal for Easter to visit Aaron's brother Jason and his family. That was nice. We hope you are all doing well too.

Sarah sends her love. She writes:

Liz persuaded all of her siblings to fly out to see her new home on the Chesapeake Bay in Maryland. We will all 9 of us be there, getting a family portrait (of just siblings). I'll make sure you get a copy of the picture. I'll be out there April 21-24, then coming back in time for BYU Women's conference.

She invites us to Daniel's baptism:

Aunt Leah, if you'd like to make a note... my Daniel is getting baptized on the 7th of May. I'm not sure of the time yet, but I'd like to invite you (and my cousins). My Dad said he'd come too.

Lynn and Mom

Hey, everyone! This is Lynn taking my turn this month. It has been a while.

We finally finished our study/office. We painted it with vertical stripes, put in new carpet (the same as we put in our reading/living room), and put up a shelf near the top of the wall all the way around to show some of our memorabilia. So, with all that done and with our new smaller office furniture it really looks nice, and it's a much better place for us to work in. We like it.

A month or so ago, we helped Lawson a day or two getting some of his work done in their basement. We've helped Lisa some on her bedroom re-do – it's really going to be nice! Both those jobs are going to make things more comfortable for the families. We like to be of help.

Our friends the Farrers (they were in the office with us most of our time in Dallas) got home a couple of weeks ago. They came over and had dinner with us after Conference last Sunday. We had a great time renewing our friendship. It was way good to see them.

We haven't had callings except as Home and Visiting Teachers since we got home from Texas. Ten days ago or so our friend Rocky White, who is a counselor in the bishopric, took us aside and talked with us about callings. Rocky had called us while we were still in Dallas saying he wanted Leah to teach Family History – and nothing was happening with that calling since we got home – nor with any other calling. We had already expressed to the bishop our desire to spend some intense time working on our own personal, and on our parents' history. We were planning to spend a lot of time at the Summit doing that. So, on Wednesday night we went to talk with the Bishop about it. He's such a neat and spiritual man – we really appreciate him. We expressed our concerns; then after considerable discussion Bishop issued a call for me to work at the temple and

Leah to teach the Gospel Doctrine class. As we were leaving the Bishop's office, Rocky was there. We talked a bit, then all four of us went back into the Bishop's office. What a roller-coaster ride. But how powerful the spirit was! The Bishop said he had had the feeling every since we came home that we should be in family history but that there isn't a place for us right now. Rocky said there is, but right now there is no place for a class during Sunday School (he's the bishopric member over family history). Bishop really liked the idea of us spending heavy duty time writing our personal history. In fact, our primary calling now is to do exactly that. He called us to write our personal history and issued us a challenge to have it pretty well completed by October conference. And we are both called as Family History specialists – but largely in a dormant status until Fall (we'll get involved at the stake level, start getting prepared, etc.) And, Leah will teach Gospel Doctrine once a month or so till then. He was going to give me a temple assignment until we realized how much two days a week at the temple would be likely to interfere with the personal history writing. We finally have callings – and we like what callings we have. They will require lots of work but doing the things we feel we should be doing.

You all know, I hope, that we love each of you to distraction. We so want to do only things which help our kids and grand-kids. But we're finding our feet are made of clay. Not everything we do has its desired effect. Pray for us. We love you lots and lots. Congratulations to Jeremy!!

