



# Happy Happenings



## Sorensens

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The Sorensens are doing great. We went camping over Labor Day weekend. We took the horses and went for a nice ride.

Jaxon has been taking flag football through the school. Jancy started taking dance lessons (ballet and tap) once a week and is really liking it. Jancy had her eighth birthday and her baptism went great.

We went to a rodeo in Utah. The kids did great. It was the first time for Broox and he had a hard time with the big crowd. He didn't like all the people watching him. He said, "Why do all these people have to be here?" Jancy got first in barrels and second in poles. Jaxon got first in barrels but tipped a pole and didn't catch his calf.

Aaron got the corn chopped for silage. He also got to conduct his first funeral.

Jaxon and Aaron went on a three-day hunting trip up by Dubois. Aaron and Jancy went on a one-day hunting trip.

## Coons

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Things are going well for the Coons family. Brittney and Hannah started a free Spanish class at the library. It is two hours on Saturdays for eight weeks. Aubrey continues her tumbling class and Caleb is still in Firetruck Fitness. Piano is also going great.

Aubrey had her fifth birthday. She is easy to please and loved her toys. Our cat, Rosemary, had her one-year-old birthday. It's nice that she's a little older because we don't have to worry about her as much.

We went camping and had such a good time. The kids made bows and arrows out of sticks and fishing line. We fished two days but didn't catch anything. It was okay, though, because the lake, mountains, and trees were so beautiful.

Our campground was on top of the Mogillon rim. It's hard to describe the place, but I'll try. There is a trail that goes along the edge of the rim and when you look off it's like you're on the edge of a cliff. It drops way off and there is a huge valley with lots of trees and five or six mountain chains on the other side. It's such an amazing place!!

Our ward had a Prom for a ward activity. You were supposed to dress like you would have at your own prom, whenever that would have been (50's, 60's or whatever). We went to dinner with a group of 14 couples before the dance and it was so funny. Everyone had poofy hair and big sleeves. The looks we got from the people at the restaurant were great. Then we went to the dance

at the church. They had collected High School Prom pictures from most of the people and they showed them on the wall. It was very well-attended and fun.

We went to Todd's parents' house for Conference weekend. We made about seven dozen tamales to keep in our freezer (YUM!). We also made root beer and ice cream. We enjoyed the visit. We went to Leslie and Greg's on Sunday and spent a few hours with them. Greg made a delicious dinner and we enjoyed visiting with Les, Greg, Brianna, and Jeff.

We have planted our fall garden and are hoping for lots of yummy food. We are still getting lots of okra.

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

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# Burnetts

Since we missed last month we have quite a bit of news!



In July I went on a 50 mile hike with the scouts for high adventure. I rode a 4 wheeler half of the time to carry emergency supplies and water so I didn't hike the whole thing. We went up Blacksmith Fork canyon by Hyrum and hiked all over the area above Logan. We ran into a few rattlesnakes and killed and ate one of them! We also killed and ate rabbits and ground squirrel! We saw Old Ephraim's grave—he was a big grizzly bear who wreaked a lot of havoc and was killed up there. One of the days we did a service project for the US Forest Service building a buck & rail fence. We were so worn out after that and still had to hike 5 miles to our stopping point that night! We had to split up because the 4 wheelers couldn't go on part of the trail. The group that was hiking got lost and didn't get to camp until 1am. We got rained on a couple of times and the boys were able to find out how prepared they were. The scenery was beautiful (picture above) and we all had a good time. We were tired and hungry by the end and all enjoyed a Big Blue combo with yummy root beer at A&W in Logan!

We went to Canada for a week at the end of July and into August. We spent a couple of days camping with Kelly's family at their family reunion. Landon swallowed something and told us it was a penny. We ended up in the emergency room in Calgary but by the time they got the x-rays done it had made its way to his stomach so they said to just let it run its course. A couple of days later Kelly found a nickel! I thought that was a pretty good increase! I asked Landon if since he could turn a penny into a nickel if he

thought he could turn a \$20 bill into a \$100 bill! We rode ATVs, went swimming, golfing and just enjoyed being out in the country. On the drive home we got a flat tire high in the Montana mountains in a rainstorm!

Kelly and I played on dodge ball teams in August. I had fun and made it through ok but Kelly broke a toe one week and then a finger the next week! Not sure why she was playing the 2nd week with a broken toe!



Cason's big Perch!

Muskies. We got them close to shore but couldn't land any of them because their teeth are so sharp they kept biting through our line. It was so fun though because the boys were so excited!

Cason needed 1 more hike to get his camping merit badge so we and a couple of other people went up by Mom and Lynn's cabin at the Summit and hiked all the way up to the top of the mountain and spent the night. He now has his Star rank and is working toward his Eagle.

Cason was playing football with the neighbor kids a few weeks ago and broke his collar bone. It was a pretty good break but seemed to heal pretty quickly.



We went to the Sorensen's house for the weekend of Jancy's baptism. We had lots of fun!



Jaxson, Tanner, Landon and Broox rode steers. Landon only did it because I told him I'd run alongside and hold him and his Mom promised him \$1 if he'd do it! So he did and then Broox said he'd do it. After he got done he came up to Kelly for his \$1 too! It was very cute.

We all enjoyed riding horses. Thayne started out riding with Jancy but later rode on his own. Cason was even able to ride one with his broken collar bone. Nice to have good horses; not like Sunny the good old Shetland pony some of us grew up with!



Lynn had a nice ride.



Meg enjoyed her ride all the way to sleep!

Tanner, Thayne and Landon are all enjoying soccer right now.

## Piersons

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Hi, Family! Here is a quick update on what the Pierson's are up to.

If you haven't heard Dave & Christie are having a boy!! We are all excited! Steve & I even stopped at a yard sale last week and bought a swing & stroller! Christie & I have started making blankets, burp cloths, and things for the room, and Dave is painting the baby's room. Fun! Christie is feeling well.

Jared is doing great - still loves work! (Lucky!!) Christie has started working with him after work - exercising & doing jobs at home. They get along real well together. Jared loves her to cheer him on while he shoots hoops!

Jenny will be starting her last clinical in another week - YEA! She will graduate in Dec. with another Assoc. de-

gree. She will be a Physical Therapy Assistant. She is doing well. We are impressed with all she knows about therapy, and all she is able to do with Jared. It will be a blessing for him! She only lacks a few credits to get a Bachelors degree, so she may continue after her therapy graduation because she is so close. We'll see! She enjoys her singles ward. She is a mom for her FHE group - good practice for planning family home evenings! Her days are full - she gets up at 5:00, leaves for the UTA bus at 5:30, and doesn't get home till about 7:30. We'll all be glad when these Salt Lake clinicals are over!

Cory is busy with track and the school opera! He isn't competing cross country, but has been working out with the team & running hurdles to stay in shape and sharpen hurdle skills for the up-

coming track season. He loves track, and he is with good people. His coach is so positive and just a great example. The opera this year is Les Misérables, and Cory is Javert (the cop who is after Jon Val Jon). He is having a great time getting ready for it. I can't wait to see him!! It will be in Nov. just before Thanksgiving, so they still have some practice time.

Steve & I leave next Wed. for a week in Austria!! We are excited! He has meetings one day, but the rest of the time we will be sight-seeing. Steve's nephew went there on his mission, so he has given us some pointers, and Lynn, Mom, and Laura have told us about places they saw when they were there. I'm sure we'll see some beautiful sights!

We love you all!!

## Mom & Lynn

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Hi Family!

I'm writing this on the eve of our big Church History Tour, and boy, are we excited! So, the next time we write, it'll be all about our experience. Be sure to stay in touch while we're gone. I'll have my cell phone with me and it's like I told Lawson—Good news or Bad—don't wait to tell me.

We enjoyed our trip to Wyoming. We were treated to some *real* calf-riding. Yup, Tanner and Jaxon led the group followed by Landon (held on by Lawson) and Broox (assisted by Aaron). Now, personally, I don't know why *anyone* would want to get bucked on the back of a calf and then thrown in a pile of poop, but they seemed to like it a lot. (You might ask Lawson about his landing just as he swooped Landon off of the calf. It made a pretty funny picture.)

Of course, the reason for the trip was Jancy's baptism. It was great and we

were so proud of her. We love you, Jancy, and we're glad you got baptized. We could tell that you have been well-prepared by good parents to take this important step.

Again—you might ask Lawson, if Jancy asked him in January to talk at her baptism, why he only prepared 5 minutes before he gave the talk. (Actually—I'll tell you.) As the Branch Mission Leader opened the baptism meeting, he announced the opening song and the prayer by Jaxon. Then he announced the talk on Baptism, given by Grandma White. Lawson's eyes got kinda big and he whispered to me—"Are *you* giving the talk on baptism?????" I nodded "Yes." He said, "No way. *I'm talking on baptism.*" I said "Don't pull my leg." Whereupon he showed me his notes—at the top he had written "Talk on Baptism" as clear as



anything. Somewhat panicked, he asked for my scriptures. They were already up front on a table with the visual aids for my talk. He sent Tanner for them but guess what? By then it was time for me to use them in *my* talk. But, never fear! Lawson gave a *wonderful* talk on the Holy Ghost, just as the program listed. Congratulations, Lawson. It shows that you are a spiritually prepared priesthood holder when you can talk so confidently about an important gospel principle with so little notice. I love you lots! (cont.)

## Mom & Lynn (cont.)

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We took the scenic route from Riverton, by the Tetons, through Jackson Hole, to the Summit. It was a beautiful drive and we enjoyed it so much. We arrived in the middle of the night so we were pleasantly surprised to see outstanding fall leaves right on “our” mountain!

The thing we *weren't* pleased with as we arrived was **WORMS!** Yes, I said worms! There were probably over 100 dead earthworms on the floor in the main room. Under the furniture, on and under the plastic mats, by the fridge—EVERYWHERE! I was *so* freaked out! Lynn helped and we moved every stick of furniture and vacuumed and cleaned for an hour or so. The only way it could've been worse is if we had gotten there *before* they died. Stepping into that many *live* worms would've done me in! **HOW?** You ask. I'll tell you (like Tevia), I DON'T KNOW! And this is one mystery I'd sure like solved.

We were sad as we closed up the cabin for the year. We've come to really love being there—even all alone. We enjoyed so much the week we spent writing on our personal history. Lawson hopes we won't sell it, and right now, he's sure to get his wish. We LOVE it!

We love you. Pray for us. Pray that we'll be safe. AND that we'll have the wonderful spiritual experience we're praying for.

Love, Mom & Lynn



## October Birthdays

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*Zack 11*

*Dave 21*

*Laura 4*

*Todd 18*