

Happy Happenings



Ninth Edition

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Laura sent this to me (Loreen) last month but I didn't get it in the newsletter. Sorry!

THE DYE FAMILY:

The Dyes are alive and well. We've had some fun diversions this last month: Hogle Zoo with Whites, Piersons, Burnetts, and Sarah; two visits from the Grows as they went to and from Disneyland; the Children's Museum in Salt Lake after an over-nighter with Mom & Lynn; Dye cousins over for three days and nights; and Spring break in Lewiston with Dad, Connie, and Melanie. We took Grandma back. We're really going to miss her.

Greg got a bonus from work, so we've had fun shopping for things that have been on the wish list for a long time. We bought a couch & love seat, a wheat grinder, a lathe, and have almost completed our food storage (most of it is still piled in the garage because we can't find room for it).

Jeremy was on the Springville Middle School math team and competed in the Utah State math competition. His team is made up of seventh graders but competed against seventh & eighth graders. Springville took second place and Jeremy had the second highest score on his team!!! Grandma White, Laura, and Jeremy went to U.S.U. for an awards assembly and lunch on the seventeenth. Way to go Jeremy!!!



LAWSON, KELLY AND FAMILY:

Thayne looks like an abused child. Tanner was racing down the driveway on his bike with his head down (so he could go faster) and ran right over poor Thayne. His face is quite a mess. Thayne's starting to learn how to be demanding! When he wants something,

it's Mom, Mom (louder), Mom (even louder), Mom (louder still) with no waiting between! He wants it now! He's still a very pleasant boy; enjoyable to have around.



Tanner is enjoying his new shovel we bought for him. It's just his size. He goes around digging holes everywhere. That's fine right now. We just hope he doesn't keep doing it after we have grass! Tanner's been having a hard time being reverent at church lately so he's started setting a goal at the beginning of church to be a good boy during church. It usually works pretty well for him. I think that's a good sign if he's willing to set goals and cares about attaining them.

Cason is very excited for summer to come! He's going through his core testing right now in school to make sure he can go on to the next grade. I'm sure he'll be fine. Kelly's very good to sit down with him right after school and make sure he does his homework. It's a lot easier then when you can say 'you can't play till you do it'. Cason also got a new shovel and has been a good helper as we've been moving dirt around to try to make our yard more like we want it.

We (Lawson and Kelly) are excited to be going to Las Vegas for a few days in June. We're very thankful to family members who are able to help us with the kids. It will be very nice for us to have a little time just to ourselves.

We're having fun getting ready for a busy summer around the house. We'll have our air conditioner installed pretty soon. We've picked up some of the stuff to do our sprinklers and will be putting that in pretty quick. We had a guy come yesterday to quote us on a vinyl fence. Kelly went around the neighborhood and let everyone know he would be coming

because he said we could get a discount for a bigger quantity. We had about 5 families show up to get quotes, so hopefully everyone will buy and we'll all get a great deal on it!

Things in general are going well for us. We feel very blessed to have all that we do and for a great family!

THE SORENSEN'S:

Here are the kids on the tramp.



We had a good visit with Mom and Lynn this month. They came out on Thursday night & left Sunday after church. The weather wasn't great, but we went fishing & Mom & Lynn brought a 2-man blow-up boat to go out on the water in. We (mostly Mom & Lynn) worked on the garden & that was a big help to me. Saturday we branded calves and that night we went to Thermopolis (about 1 1/2 hours away) & went swimming. The kids loved it. They loved all the extra love & attention. I enjoyed the visit & really appreciated all the food storage mom & Lynn rounded up & brought to us.

Here are Aaron & the kids fishing.



Thought you might like a chuckle, so here are some actual label instructions on consumer goods:

1. On Sears hair dryer: "Do not use while sleeping." (Gee, that's the only time I have to work on my hair!)
2. On a bag of Fritos: "You could be a winner! No Purchase necessary. Details inside." (The shoplifter special!)
3. On a bar of Dial soap: "Directions: Use like regular soap." (And that would be ...?)
4. On a Swann frozen dinner: "Serving suggestion: Defrost" (But it's just a suggestion!)
5. On a hotel-provided shower cap: "Fits one head."
6. On Tesco's dessert (printed on bottom of the box): "Do not turn upside down." (Too late! You lose!)
7. On Marks & Spencer Bread Pudding: "Product will be hot after heating." (Are you sure?? Let's experiment.)
8. On Boot's Children's cough medicine: "Do not drive car or operate machinery." (We could do a lot to reduce construction accidents if we just kept those five-year-olds off those fork lifts.)
9. On Nytol sleep aid: "Warning: may cause drowsiness." (One would hope!)
10. On a string of Christmas lights: "For indoor or outdoor use only." (As opposed to use in outer space.)
11. On a food processor: "Not to be used for the other use." (Now I'm curious.)
12. On Sainsbury's peanuts: "Warning: Contains nuts."
13. On a child's Superman costume: "Wearing of this garment does not enable you to fly." (Talk about destroying a universal childhood fantasy!)

THE CONNECTICANS:

First of all, thank you to everyone who sent things for the newsletter!!! We really appreciate the support.



We went to Connecticut's southern beach, looking over to Long Island Sound. We had fun playing in the sand since the water was way too cold. I took Hannah to dip her feet in the water. She liked it but then she wanted to go back and play in the sand so she asked, "Can we go back to the sand box now?"

We are enjoying watching our garden and other plants grow. The weather has been so perfect, about 75 degrees, so we've been outside a lot. We loved it



here in the Fall but we think we like the Spring even more. There are flowers and flowering trees and bushes everywhere, and the colors are

amazing - reds, pinks, purples, yellows, oranges, white and lots of shades of green. Things grow everywhere.

I (Loreen) got a new calling to be the 1st counselor in the Primary Presidency. It's weird because in Provo and here I taught the oldest girls' class for 6 months and did Achievement Days, then I was called to be 1st counselor.

The Mustang passed the state inspection so we didn't sell it. We don't want to sell it, but it's been a lot of work lately and still needs more TLC. Really, it gets us where we need to go and we're glad not to have a car payment!

We taught Brittney what it means to be honest. We also taught her what modesty means. It must have been close to the same time because she gets the words mixed up and says people aren't being honest when she means modest. We were in the grocery store and she said, "Look, Mom. When the people on the magazines aren't being honest we can just turn them around like this." And she turned over a magazine with a girl in a bikini. It was pretty cute.

A couple in our ward went to Colorado for a week and asked us to take care of their three kids and their house. We did it, so now we know more of what it would be like to have five

kids. Their house is right on the Connecticut River and the area is gorgeous.

Here is a picture of the girls having a "Tea Party" with their friends, Makayla and Sarah.



Brittney really enjoyed her Birthday. She is glad that the hurt place on her hand got better so we don't have to put anymore of "the boiling stuff" (hydrogen peroxide) on it.

Brittney and Hannah love "conohorns" (unicorns) and "rogurt" (yogurt). They both say those words the same. Hannah has learned "John Jacob Jingle Heimer Schmit" now and a bunch of other songs. They are very fun to be with and we love them so much!

We love and miss you all, and are looking forward to seeing you soon. Just pray for cheap airplane tickets!!

MOM AND LYNN:

Here are some pictures of our "cool" day at the zoo.



Grandpa, Jeremy, Anthony, Ondylyn, Cason, Tanner, Zachary.



Well, we've been keeping the trail hot the last few weeks. Lynn and I enjoyed a long weekend with the Sorensens. We worked in the garden, went fishing, went swimming at Thermopolis in a hot spring pool and went to the Branch on Sunday. We had a GREAT time! Jaxon

and Jancy think Grandma and Grandpa are O.K. Jaxon even had a sleep-over with us. TWO nights! We also watched Aaron brand baby calves. It was AWFUL. Poor little things. I'm sure I would never have the stomach for it. But somebody has to do it and he's da man!

We've also been to Springville several times. We loved going to Cory's piano recital and I got to go to Jeremy's band concert. We missed Ondy and Anthony's recital because they were held Sunday at the same time Christie graduated from Seminary. Bummer! We love being with you and just wish we could be with more of you.

Gwen, Grandpa's daughter, was here looking for a home. Ed has accepted a faculty position with BYU and they'll be coming this summer. I'm afraid she had what Lynn calls "Sticker Shock". Homes are much more expensive here than in San Angelo, Texas. We'll be glad to have them near.

Mother's Day was so wonderful. Just what a mother would die for! I heard from all of you and you all said such complimentary things. It was GREAT! You'll never know how much I love each one of you and what a privilege it is to be your mother! I count it a blessing. A blessing I want to go on and on and on.

We are all looking forward to the reunion. Here are a couple of items of business for everyone:

1. We would like the family who is providing the meal to present a short devotional and prayer just before eating. We should always remember to have plenty of spiritual things and bearing of testimonies. The young kids really need to hear that ALL of their cousins and Aunts and Uncles and Grandparents BELIEVE in the gospel.

2. Each family please bring some kind of simple activity. With swimming and dinosaurs and whatever else we won't have a LOT of time. However, we do want some stuff.

3. Please plan to do the scrapbook for Grandma and Grandpa again (where everyone writes their reunion memories on a page). If you have some stickers that might go along with the reunion theme, please bring them. We REALLY would like something from all the grownups this year. Some didn't quite make it last year. This will be for posterity!

4. Mom will send the map of the campground and the flyers about the region she has collected.

5. Grandma and Grandpa have some of small rubber rafts for CAREFUL use by responsible people. (They'll go the way of air mattresses if we're not VERY careful!) One holds 4 people and two hold 2 people.

There will be no newsletter next month since I won't be here to do it and we will all be together anyway.





Prayer

By Agnes Palmer

*God, bless me with a vivid memory
Of my long past childhood days;
Help me to an understanding
Of Pure faith and childhood ways.
Endow me with a gentle touch,
With patience kind and fine.
Give me a clear and honest look
For eyes upturned to mine.*



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