

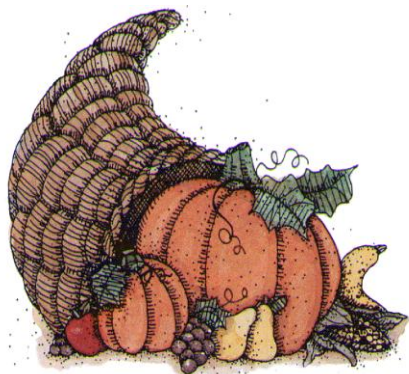
Happy Happenings

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HAPPY HOLIDAYS!



So—it's my time to do the Newsletter. Wow, do I appreciate Loreen's technical skill when I start to try to manipulate all these graphics. But—I'LL DO IT! I love the newsletter. I've saved every single one of them. They have great historical value! Besides all that, I think it's fun!

ONE REQUEST PLEASE: SEE THAT EACH OF YOUR FAMILY HAS A CHANCE TO READ IT! And to see the cute pictures. PLEASE?

From the COONS:

Hello, Family!



We went on a fun camping trip to Woods Canyon Lake. We fished and got several bites. Because of the Family Reunion our kids are experts at catching crawdads so they taught some other kids how to do it and spent hours at it.

It rained on us off and on but it wasn't too much trouble until the end when we were trying to pack up. Here is a picture of Todd in the puddle where our tent was. We had to set up the tent at home and clean it off. We do like to camp and it was a beautiful place.



Brittney has been enjoying High School. She's very busy with A-hour before school at 6:30 and Cross Country after school, plus piano and voice lessons. She has made lots of fun

friends in Cross Country and is just finishing the season. Now that Brittney is 14 she is loving the Stake dances. She's quite social all around!

Hannah got braces so now we have three people in our family in braces. She also broke her arm playing Red Rover (the worst game in the world!). Here is a picture of her lime green cast - very stylin'. Hannah is enjoying playing soccer with about 7 of her friends, especially since Todd is their coach! They are both doing a great job and it has been fun.



Aubrey and Hannah and Mom are in a Mother/Daughter book club so we read a book together (or try) and meet with some friends to discuss it. It's a lot of fun! Aubrey is losing teeth and is wondering if we can get a new Tooth Fairy. Ours keeps forgetting to come. We're going to have to fire her!

Caleb had a fun 7th birthday party. He invited a bunch of little boys over and we took them to the Rec. Center to climb the rock walls and play ping pong, pool, etc. He is still going to therapy for his hip.

Todd finally had part of one of his wishes granted. We got a solar hot water heater! He would like to have solar electric, too, but that will have to wait.

I (Loreen) had a scare. My mammogram came back with something they thought might be cancer and I ended up having breast surgery. Not fun! Thankfully there is no cancer. I am extremely grateful! I got a new washer and dryer. Our old washer broke. I'm staying busy trying to finish two last BYU classes so I can graduate - finally! It's hard to find time to on and is very busy. I've been a few times a week. I've had chronic back exercise really helps.

We sure love you all and hope you are Thanksgiving and Mom's birthday party in



study because life still goes working out at the YMCA pain for 9 years and the

doing well. We'll see you at a few weeks!

Love, The Coons Family

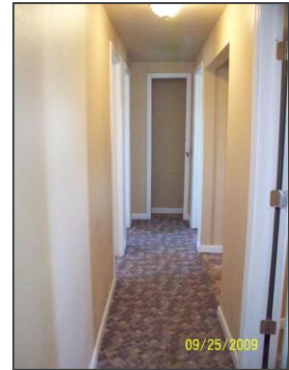
The SORENSENS:

Hello family,
I am sending a picture entry. The kids and their rodeo prizes.





Broox fell off the top of the playground and split his head open, it went clear to the bone.



Here are pictures of the house we remodeled. We have renters in it now, and are very glad to be done with that project.

We had a really good garden this year. Here are some pictures of our pumpkins.



Jaxon chose football as his sport this year, and did really well. He was the center on offense, and corner and outside linebacker on defense. He played quite a bit, and his team only lost one game.

Jaxon went elk hunting with Aaron, Broox, and Dixon. Jaxon shot this 5 point, Aaron hasn't shot anything yet.



Jancy shot her first deer. It was a nice 4 point.

Jaxon shot a nice deer too. I don't think they know how lucky they are to have a herd of over 200 deer to go look through every night. I guess that is one benefit of Aaron's farm job.



Rix having a nap with "his" kitty. We love you all and will see you in a few weeks.

The PIERSONS:

Hello family! The Pierson's are doing well! are well and

boring – what to write about that ya'll would want to read?! We happy and stay busy!

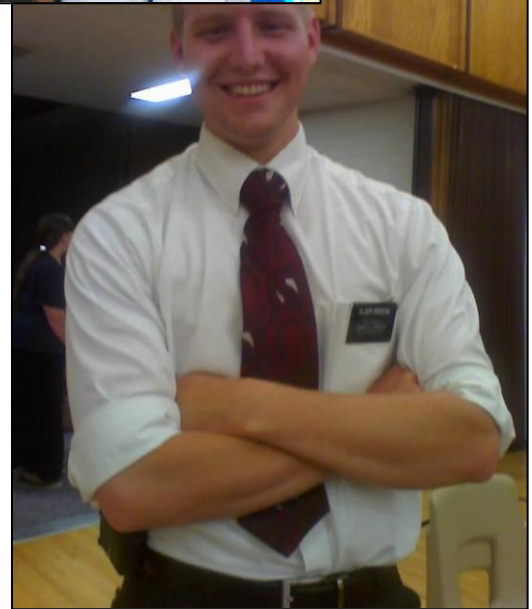
Cory baptized Dan in September. Here's a quote: "Dan's baptism Pretty much all the active members from the branch were support him. It was a very spiritual experience." He talks his letter below:



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Here is a little clip from Cory's last letter:

Brenda came to church this past Sunday, and she is set to be baptized on November 29th. We set her last night, and had a really good lesson with her. We also met with Dan last night, and had a really powerful lesson. With Brenda we talked about the Word of Wisdom, and she committed to live it. With Dan we talked about the Priesthood. He recently acquired a copy of Preach my Gospel, and we have been having him read through chapter 3 to help him learn more. Well we had him start in lesson 5 because that is the new member stuff. Well, he read about the priesthood and the references that went along with it. All I can say is that Dan gets it. I don't know how else to put it. His understanding curve has sky-rocketed since his baptism. I also gave him a blessing at the end of the lesson. I don't remember anything that I said, but it's better that way. That is how the Spirit works. On the Spanish side of things, Elder Purnell is doing well. Yesterday we had the only missionary to serve in the branch return home from his mission in El Salvador. Elder Purnell talked with him last night, and he is pretty excited now because this young man said he would help out as much as he could. I have high hope for this area. We are so close to a miracle here. My companions and I are praying for miracles to happen, and I would appreciate it if you would pray for that as well. Nothing can stop us when Heaven is involved, and your prayers bring that power. I thank you for the prayers that have been said in my behalf keep it up, this is the work of the Lord and he won't let us down as long as we remember him. I love being a missionary.



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ces where our family (Dad, Mom, Larry, an... s of the places that Mom has pictures of fro



Here's Mom's picture of their house in Ipswich from 1959 and the one we took in September:

Look at the 1960 photos on top compared to 2009! The house we lived in Felisxtowe still looks pretty good!



It was an incredible experience for me!! I went a little nuts on my scrapbook, but I wanted to add notes to help me remember all the cool things I experienced (I am almost 50 now – and I don't remember so well!!)

We love you all and look forward to seeing everyone in a few weeks!!

The Lawson BURNETTS:

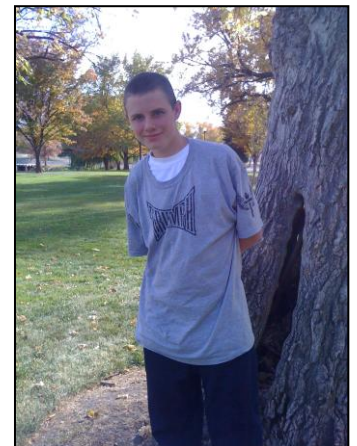


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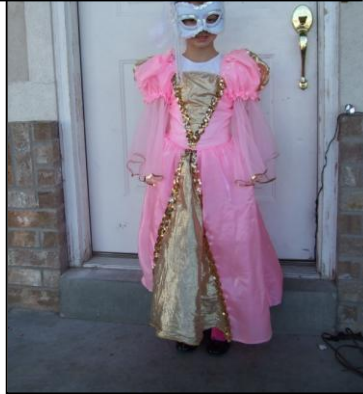
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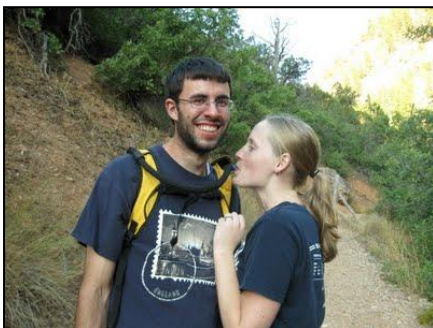
treatment facility last week. I'll probably send an email to everyone with more information about that. Tanner is doing pretty well in his treatment. He's getting along well with the people there and doing the things that are asked of him to be able to progress through that program and work toward coming back home. The picture is east of Kamas looking across Jordanelle Reservoir toward the back of Mt. Timpanogos

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Thayne, Landon and Meg all finished their fall soccer seasons. Thayne will probably continue to play indoor soccer through the winter but we'll see. He's talking like he's ready to stop playing soccer so we'll have to see. Thayne is 12 now and has started into Boy Scouting. He went to summer camp this August. Landon turned 8 and has started in Cub Scouting. Meg is a pretty smart little girl. She's quite far ahead with her reading level at school and just seems to have a pretty quick little brain. One thing that is always funny to me... at night I'll go into her room and sing songs to help her get to sleep. I'm trying to get her to sleep but she always wants to read the lyrics to the songs and talk about what they mean! It's pretty entertaining!



Kelly continues to play soccer and she really enjoys that. She plays keeper and loves to have that ball kicked at her! Not for me! Hope everyone is well.



The Jeremy Dyes:

Hey family, it's the Dyes! Well, two of them anyway. Tara and I have had an awesome last few months. We wanted to share about all our awesome summer of awesomeness (there's no charge for awesomeness... or attractiveness) in the last family newsletter, but we missed the deadline, so it looks like you get to read all about them now.

May:

- We went up to the Dye cabin trip for Memorial Day
- We explored Nutty Putty Cave, Silly Putty Cave, and a ghost town

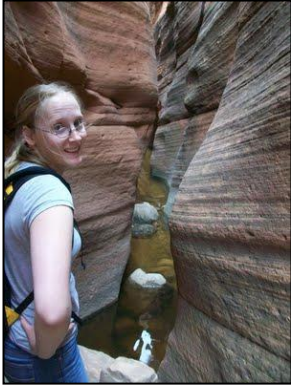
June:

- We hiked the Subway in Zion for our anniversary. There were 11 of us total in the group. It was a blast. We also did Keyhole Canyon, which was the coldest we've ever been in our lives. Hours of non-stop shivering...
- We went to Antelope Island with my parents and some of their friends. We



won't go into any details about how Ondy and her friends swam out to the island, how Tara swam/chased after them, and how the park ranger had to rescue them in his kayak.

- We went to Timpanogos cave and ran into Anthony and Zachary who were rock climbing in the same canyon and Lawson who was on his way down from the cave.
- We went to the sand dunes and rode the 4-wheelers and sand-boarded down the dunes. We also camped for a couple days with the family.



July:

- We went camping with Tara's sister in Little Cottonwood Canyon for the 4th.
- We went to the White/Burnett family reunion.
- We saw the midnight showing of Harry Potter.
- We house-sat for Tara's dad.
- We watched Harry Potter again. I went caving with a group from Provo. We were looking for a cave called Professor Buss cave, and we found 4 other caves that were known and discovered 3 others that were not known.



August:

- I took Tara, Anthony, and Zac back to Professor Buss cave. We also explored Kitchen Sink (another cave). Then we went to go explore one of the other caves that the Provo group discovered, and on the way, we discovered 5 new caves, two of which were pretty long. One we named Pink X because of the pink caution tape blocking off one of the passages. The other was named 85-footer, wonder why...
- I did some research in Wyoming for a few days. We were on the construction site by 6:00 am and didn't get back to our hotel until after 9:00 each day. It was exhausting.
- We went camping with a couple in our ward. It was near Fifth Water Springs in Diamond Fork Canyon, so we hiked up to the hot springs that evening.
- Zac and I went to Red Baron Cave in Rock Canyon. Our guide got stuck in the entrance, so it was just Zac and me in the cave. That's a fun cave because you have to repel down the side of a cliff to get to the entrance. It was one of the most decorated caves I've ever been in.



September:

- We went to the Dye cabin for Labor Day.
- School started.
- Fun stopped.

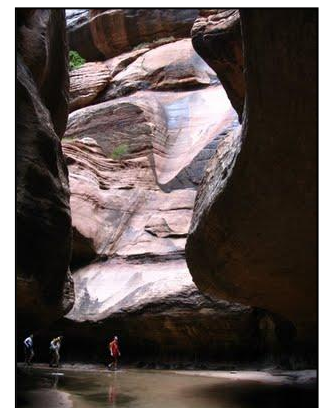


October:

- For fall break, Tara went with my family down to Zion and hiked the narrows and did all sorts of fun things without me because I had to stay home and go to class and take a test.
- Anthony and I explored Neff's Cave with a group. It's the second-deepest cave in Utah (over 1,100 ft deep) and took 7 ropes for the repels, one of which was a free repel (no touching the walls at all) over a hundred feet long.

Anthony said it was the coolest cave he'd ever been in.

- We did the haunted house again this year. It was in one of the labs on campus, so we called it the Haunted Laboratory. It was open two nights, and we had a full house both nights, with 20+ volunteers each night and about 1,500 people coming through. We even made \$345.



Our current situation:

- I took the fundamentals of engineering (FE) exam and passed, so now I'm officially an engineer in training (EIT)
- I've been accepted into graduate school at BYU and am a research assistant working under Dr. Guthrie. I'll get my bachelor's in December and my master's next August.



- I'm vice president of the Earthquake Engineering Research Institute (a club).
- Tara is student-teaching at Willow Creek Middle School in Lehi. She's teaching pre-algebra for three of the periods and observing another student teacher for the other periods.
- Tara will also graduate in December and is a lot more psyched about it than I am because she'll never have to take another class again, ever.

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So, Family, your Mom and Lynn are *FINE!* We'll see you all very soon. We LOVE you!

