

Happy Happenings

I mentioned sending all e-mail addresses and cell phone #s, BUT I didn't get much response. I really use the yellow list of family info and would like to have it updated.

SO: Would each parent (or Responsible Child) see that we're updated on all the family? PLEASE? Just e-mail me and I'll produce an updated list! THANKS!



JEREMY, TARA & SAVANNAH



Well, the biggest news for us is that we had our baby. Savannah Rose Dye was born on July 27, 2010 at 3:12 am. She weighed 6 pounds 0 ounces and was 18.5 inches long. Delivery went well without any complications, and both mother and baby are doing great. Savannah is a very



happy and cute baby with lots of dark hair. She sure is a blessing.

Other than that, here's what we've been up to this summer. In April, Tara and I went to Nevada to Great Basin National Park and helped with a service project in Lehman's Cave. We helped remove a portion of the trail inside the cave that isn't going to be part of the tour anymore. We also cleaned sand from around the stalagmites. The sand was there because the original trail-makers placed sand bags around the dynamite they used to widen certain passages and the sand was blown all throughout the cave. While we were there, we also explored Snake Creek Cave. It was very dusty/muddy. Due to miscommunication between Tara and me, the extra blanket we packed was still at home, so to avoid freezing, we slept in the car. Tara took the back seat, and I took shotgun. Also on that trip, we visited some hot springs that were partially underground. It was really pretty.





In May, we went to Goblin Valley with my parents and Ondy and Zac and also a family from our ward. We hiked Little Wild Horse Canyon and climbed all over the hoodoos in the park. It was a really fun trip.

Then later in May (and part of June), I spent 2 weeks in China for a study abroad. Our group went to Beijing and visited the great wall, the Forbidden City, Tianmen Square, the bird's nest (Olympic stadium), the temple of heaven, and lots of huge skyscrapers and bridges. We rode a passenger train to Tianjin (317 km/hr) and toured the Tianjin TV tower, where they have a revolving restaurant. Then in Yichang, we visited the biggest dam in the world, we visited a historic (recreated) village, and we

hiked through the three gorges. In Shanghai we went shopping on Nanjing Road, we toured a college campus, we went to the Pearl Tower (they have a glass floor where you can see straight down), we went in the Shanghai World Financial Center (the 3rd tallest building in the world), we rode the MAGLEV train (430 km/hr) and we went to the World Expo. We went to Guangzhou and Shenzhen and toured more big buildings. Then we went to Hong Kong and rode the longest escalator in the world, visited the temple, took the Star Ferry across the river dividing Hong Kong, watched a laser light show set to music, went to an amusement park, and swam in the ocean. It was an awesome trip.



In June, we went to the family reunion up Hobbles Creek canyon and had fun seeing everyone. Tara had a baby shower (thanks everyone for the gifts!) We also helped build a stake float for the 4th of July parade. Just 4 days before Savannah was born, Tara, Ondylyn, and I participated in the world's largest water balloon fight, hosted by BYU. We broke the world record by 25 people and 1,021 balloons for a total of 3,927 people and 120,021 balloons. It was crazy-cool.



Since Savannah was born, we have had a lot of family come and visit. We've been sleeping in 3-hour increments and are trying to adjust to our new life. I'm basically finished with school and am looking for a job full time. I interviewed in Richfield and am currently (8/11/10) Mississippi interviewing with the US Army Corps of Engineers. Hopefully we get some job offers soon so we can have a little stability in life. Everyone is asking when the blessing is be and we don't have an answer because we don't even know we're going to be in two weeks from now. We'll keep you



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The Coons Family

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This has been a very busy summer for the Coons family. We had too much fun and got all worn out.

In May, Grandma and Grandpa came for Tiffany's wedding. The wedding was great -

Congrats to Tiffany and Drew! We were glad to be part of it. Caleb had surgery on his hip as you all know. It went well. He was in the hospital for 4 days, in a wheelchair for about a month, on crutches for another month or so, and now is getting back into walking full-time.



Caleb's Visitors—The Acostas, the Burnetts and Grandma & Grandpa

Here goes the travel log portion of our entry: We went to Utah in June for Amy's wedding - Way to go, Amy and Tyler! It was so nice to see everyone. The wedding and reception went so

well. We enjoyed the reunion the next day up the canyon, even though it rained. Rich helped the kids make a killer fort up in the mountain. Tara's baby shower was fun - that's gong to be one well-dressed baby!



Dixon, Caleb & Rich with a *HUGE* slug! (Family Reunion at Hobbles Creek June 11)

Then we went to Rexburg for Brianna's "farewell." She gave a very nice talk about being diligent and we loved seeing the Wilson's house for the first time.

We dropped Brittney off at BYU for EFY for the week. The kids and I spend some time with Grandma & Grandpa touring Salt Lake - Conference Center, Temple Square, Beehive house. Our favorite was Welfare Square! It was amazing and definitely a trip I recommend to all of you.



Amberly's grave on the way to Brianna's Farewell. Her headstone is beautiful and in a very nice place.

It was fun to be
Then we spent
went to Lynn's
that. We were



Seeing Cory come home from his mission.
moments before Aubrey lost her dinner in
can behind the pole. THE JOYS!!

at the airport to see Cory come home.
a couple of days at Jacinta's house. We
sibling reunion in Provo and really enjoyed
able to go to church with the Piersons to
hear Cory speak and then we headed home.

We stopped at Dad and Connie's coming
and going and enjoyed visiting with them.
It was a nice trip!!

So now I will mention that all the kids
threw up at different times (along with about 15 or 20 other people in our
family). And we didn't get home until 4 am because there was a fire outside
of Flagstaff and they sent us on a three-hour detour through the Grand

Canyon! Did I mention that I was the only driver because Todd wasn't able to go? And we did it all in one
day. Well, we did survive.

After going to Utah, we settled into our summer routine (which is never routine) for the end of June, July, and
the first of August. This summer was particularly odd because Caleb had physical therapy 3 times a week and
Hannah and Caleb had allergy shots twice a week. I also took Caleb and the kids swimming almost every day
so Caleb could work his hip and get some exercise. All of that took a lot of time so we didn't do some of the
things we usually do during the summer. Brittney had guitar lessons and Hannah had violin lessons (instead of
piano).

Taffy had six black puppies!! We call the dad 'Midnight Bandit'. He was a stray who climbed our fence and
broke Taffy out of the Kennel! Anyway, the puppies are cute (even though we lost \$5 or 10 thousand because
we only wanted her to have three litters) and we are having fun with them.



We went camping in Greer. It rained every day but still had fun.
Hannah, Aubrey and Caleb all caught fish and we had them for
dinner with corn on the cob cooked in the fire. Yum, yum! On
the way home we went to the 24th of July celebration in
Snowflake and saw the temple there.

Our old, junky lawnmower had enough and quit for good so we
had to buy a new one - the only lawnmower we have ever
purchased in our 17 years of marriage. It's actually a fun mower
and does the job well and fast. It seems like when it rains, it
pours. Our septic system seems to be having trouble so we will
probably have to spend 4 or 5 thousand for a new dry well. Boo

14 caught a fish!
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hoo! We also got new couches in there somewhere - another thing we hadn't
ever purchased! Our TV was taking up
too much room so we got rid of it about
months ago. We were eventually going
get a new one but I guess we get to fix
the septic system instead. The joys of



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Playing Legos with Gpa Burnett on the trip home

home ownership!

Now the kids are back in school as of Lana's birthday, Aug. 11. Brittney is a Sophomore and starts A-hour at 6:30 and finishes with Cross Country at 5 so she is a busy girl. Hannah is in 8th grade but goes to the High School for 10th grade math 1st hour, and then gets bussed to the Junior High for the rest of the day. She will be starting soccer soon. Brittney and Hannah took a four day class so that they can referee soccer this year. Hopefully they can make some good money. Aubrey is in 4th grade and has lots of her friends in her class. Caleb is in 2nd grade and all his friends are together in another class! Too bad. I guess he gets to make new friends.

← Todd and Caleb at Fathers & Sons. I always say: "The dirtier they are, the more fun they had!!"

Grapes from our garden! Small but tasty! →

That's about it for us - all you ever wanted to know! We sure love each of you and are so glad to be part of your lives.

From the PIERSONS

Hello family! We are doing well and thoroughly enjoying having Cory home!! He has been home two months now – unbelievable! Jared really loves being able to hang out with his brother Bert. We had a wonderful two week trip back to Virginia – met lots of Cory's people, saw some beautiful country, many Civil War sites as well as Colonial Williamsburg and the Battleship Wisconsin, toured Thomas Jefferson's Monticello plantation, spent a couple of days in Washington DC, and went through the Washington DC Temple.

We are pretty sure we found the land where our Burnett ancestors lived in Tappahannock Virginia. John Burnett Sr. moved to Virginia from Scotland in 1638, and the Burnetts lived there until at least the late 1700's. As far as we could find out, the Burnett Plantation is no longer there, but we think we found the land where it was – pretty cool! A great trip, but we sure were glad to be home!

Love you all!!

The Wilsons

Hello Family,

As you all know, we have had a very busy summer. I don't think I've had a chance yet to thank everyone for helping to make Amy's wedding reception such a success. It was really fun and nice and we really owe our whole family a lot of thanks for helping to make it so nice.



Brianna left on her mission on July 14. She was in the MTC for 3 weeks and has been in New Mexico for 2 weeks. She is doing so well! She says that it is hard and she misses us, but she loves it and is learning a lot. She has two companions, Sister Barello and Sister York. This week Sister Barello had meetings during the day for 4 days and Sister York can't drive for some reason, so Brianna had to drive. She said, "if you haven't already guessed, I didn't kill us." For those of you who don't know, Brianna just got her license a couple of months before her mission, and didn't like to drive, and so never did. She said that Sister York was almost as bad at directions as she is and so one day they got lost and drove almost all the way to Albuquerque.

She said they have a great ward and have dinner appointments every night, rides when they need them, and help with teaching appointments too. They have an investigator, Chuck, who is getting baptized on the 28th, as soon as he stops smoking, and a new member they're teaching the new member discussions to. We are so grateful that she is doing so well, and for all your prayers on her behalf.

Amy graduated from BYU this past week. She was only able to go to the convocation on Thursday because of her real-life, full-time job doing what she was trained at BYU to do, which she got about 6 weeks before she actually graduated. She and Tyler are very blessed because of the choices that they have made and we are so happy for them and so proud of her.

Rich is still in Colorado, working now on all of his after action reviews about his time in Afghanistan. He will be going to his Captain's Career Course at Ft. Sill, Oklahoma, in October, then to Ranger School some time after that.

Jeff is getting ready to go down to Provo and start BYU next week. He absolutely can't wait! He and Greg have been working very hard getting him ready to pass the Army Physical Fitness test (APFT). All the scholarship candidates have to pass it before they get any money. Greg really knows what he's doing and Jeff is working really hard, because in the 2 weeks since Greg came home, Jeff took about 3 1/2 minutes off his run time and increased his pushups from 30 to 42, which is passing. He can also pass the situps, so he is on his way. He will be living in Wyview apartments on campus. He signed up for an Art History class, not only because he is interested in it, but because his uncle Paul, who is an Art History Professor at Ithaca College in New York, gave him the book for a graduation present and it turned out to cost \$999.00 at the BYU bookstore. After finding that out, I told him he had to take the class.

Greg spent the summer, as usual, at Fort Lewis, Washington, training cadets. This year he was on the tactics committee and went out with different squads of cadets and evaluated them while they did their situational training exercises (STX). Each cadet was evaluated for 2 hours and given an N, S or E at the end. It was kind

of stressful for Greg, which I can really understand, having graded students before.

At the end of his time there I went up and met him and we spent 4 days in the Seattle area sightseeing. We stayed at the Kitsap Naval base in Bremerton, Washington. Greg is really good at taking advantage of his military benefits (witness Amy's reception at Camp Williams,) and so we had a really nice room for \$40 a night in a really expensive city. We did all the cool stuff, the Space Needle, the museums, Pikes Market, the bubble gum wall.

We even went down the coast and picked berries and lavender, had lavender ice cream and saw Forks, Washington, of the "Twilight" fame.



We also went to a really cool beach (literally and figuratively) called Rialto Beach. It was a rocky beach with a whole bunch of enormous trees washed up on it and it was stinkin' cold, especially for July.

We're home now, and pretty soon it will just be Greg and me. We'll be celebrating our 28th wedding anniversary on Friday, Aug 20th, by going on a hike to Union Falls in Yellowstone. I've been a couple of times and Greg once, but it really is a great hike. It's about 20 miles round trip, but a beautiful hike.

We love you all and hope you're all doing well.

The Wilsons



Amy & Tyler MEARS!

Hello family! We are doing well.

We loved having all of you at the wedding. Thanks so much for the help and the gifts (thank you cards soon to come). After we went to Brianna's farewell we went on our honeymoon in Vegas. It was a lot of fun and included a pool with a shark tank, and a slide that went right through it. Don't worry though, it was all enclosed. We also went to see a show and saw the Bodies Exhibit and ate a ton of delicious food.

Now we live in Orem. I just graduated and I work full time at Central Utah Clinic in the lab and Tyler will start school again in a couple of weeks. We have had a fun summer and we have loved all of our two months of being married. We love all of you!

Amy and Tyler

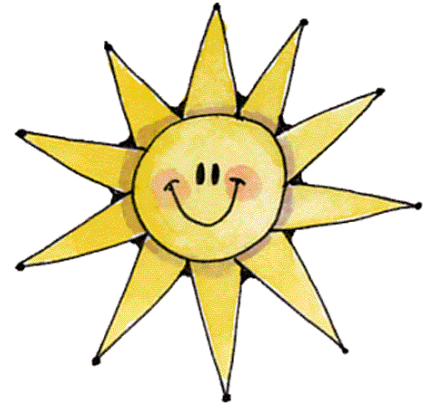
So Sad Sorensens

Just a word from the Sorensens. They had a great summer and were *going* to send us a picture Newsletter entry. But first, they had to get the pictures from their camera. Now, we all know that computers eat our stuff so that when we try to find it—it's gone! Well, that's what happened to ALL of their pictures! That means ALL from the whole summer! From their camera and computer! We're so sorry, Lana and Jancy. We know you tried! We Love You Lots!

The Arizona Burnetts

by Katelyn

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Hello from the AZ Burnetts! It's been a LONG, HOT summer but most of us are headed back to school for the fall and are awaiting cooler temperatures to arrive. The monsoon season has been here for the past couple of weeks and we've gotten lots of much needed rain. We could definitely do without the humidity, but I guess we have to sacrifice the humidity for the needed rain. Other than that, all is truly well in Arizona. After Tiff's wedding in May, nothing too big has happened around here and I think we're all enjoying the down time. We missed a lot of you at the wedding, but it was good to see others. We want to thank everyone who took time out of their schedules to come and support Tiffany and Drew.

Here are some updates:

Dad and Mom have pretty much kept themselves busy all summer. Dad has been busy with work and is still traveling every week to states all around the country. We joke all the time about how he's become a professional traveler but we love the benefits that come along with the job. Free hotel stays and flights definitely come in handy. ☺ We're grateful that his job allows him to be home on the weekends and that's always the time we all find to spend time together. He is getting ready to run his next half marathon in San Jose, CA in October, another in Phoenix in November and in Las Vegas in December...anyone is welcome to join him!



Mom kept herself busy all summer around the house organizing the office and pantry and her work was

much appreciated by all of us. **Back to School** She has recently gone back to work for yet another school year. She is still working in the office doing the attendance and secretary work and loving the time spent there. Her birthday is coming up this Sunday (the 22nd) and we are looking forward to celebrating with her!



As for Tiffany and Drew, they are still happily married and enjoying their life together. They're coming up on 3 months since the wedding and it's crazy to think that that much time has passed. After the wedding, they moved into the apartment Drew had been living in but decided they were ready for a change. They decided to put their apartment to rest and are currently in the market for a house. They've found a few potentials, but are still waiting to hear

back on an offer they put in. Other than house-shopping, they are both preparing to go back to school next week. Tiff is taking a class and getting ready to apply for pharmacy school while Drew is going to be full time and graduating with a Psychology degree.

Heather and Jon are both taking a break from school this semester to focus on working. They are still living in the same house and are making some major changes. Heather finished painting the whole house and they are now working on their backyard. They are planning to plant grass and some trees and hopefully make it so the dogs don't track as much dirt into the house. They are planning a trip to Oregon with some of Jon's family for Labor Day weekend and are looking forward to the time spent away from home.



As for me, I've had an amazing summer but am now getting ready to start my senior year of college. I will be graduating in May and am looking forward to every second of it. I am currently working at a Physical Therapy office but am getting ready to start a new internship at a place called the Desert Botanical Garden in October with their event department. They do everything from weddings to concerts to dinners so I will be helping out and hopefully learning a lot from them until May when I graduate and hopefully find a full-time job. Other than that I am still just hanging out with friends and having fun while I can! This summer was a blast, but unfortunately, it's time to get back to the real world. Hope all is well with everyone else!



PS..If you want to keep in touch, check out our blogs:

<http://www.Kburnet.blogspot.com>

<http://www.Hburnett.blogspot.com>

<http://www.tiffndrew.blogspot.com>



Mom and Lynn

Now, neither Lynn nor I have ever run a Marathon!

Furthermore, it's *everlastingly too late to start!*

However, we called this summer our

“FAMILY MARATHON” and I think we did a really good job

and our time was

excellent!

Here's a little pictorial of the sights we saw on our path.

Believe me, they were all **WONDERFUL**



We're grateful Jared's blood clot was resolved. Jared contributes so much to each of us. It makes us sad when he's down. And boy, those sedatives had him down!

We were so glad to be in Arizona so we could help during Caleb's surgery. Let me tell everyone right now what a TROOPER Caleb is! Never a complaint! What a brave, sweet boy and we love him lots and pray for his complete recovery, according to Heavenly Father's will!



Wow, what a good-looking couple! AND they're our grandchildren! It was great to be there and boy, did they ever throw a fun party!!!

Yes, Ondy, Grandma and Grandpa were at your graduation! Even though we had to rush before I said 'congratulations'.
Love you.



The rush was to get to Cason's graduation! Way to go Honey. Grandma and Grandpa are very happy!



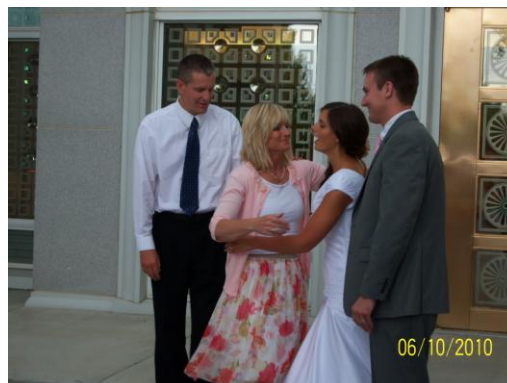
Jeff had a solo part in their concert. PLUS HE GRADUATED!



We went for a hike up to Cave Falls, Idaho on Memorial Day! (So did Britnie, Lynn, Greg, Kent and Dianne Wilson)



What a sweet moment!



Two in Two Months!





Our Reunion may have been short, but it was GOOD! Thank you Family for loving each other and us enough to continue to gather! Families can be forever and I have the faith that ours will be. All the kinks will be worked out and our love will endure.
Lynn and I love you all so much!



We love you Brianna!
Have a wonderful Mission!

**Now that was a moment for a Grandma to treasure forever.
Thanks Rich!**



Touching the Temple, making memories!

A Family reunited after the missionary "Returns With Honor." Makes a happy Grandma and Grandpa!



Tanner graduated from his program and his peers and leaders gave him many compliments and wished him well. Way to go, Tanner. We love you and are pulling for you and your success!



Sarah played her viola in a tribute to Joseph Smith. It was excellent!





So, even though your daughter is 47 yrs old, when she does “Zumba” in the July 4th parade, you go to see her!

Oh, what joy!!! Family came to the cabin! It was a dream come true!!!!



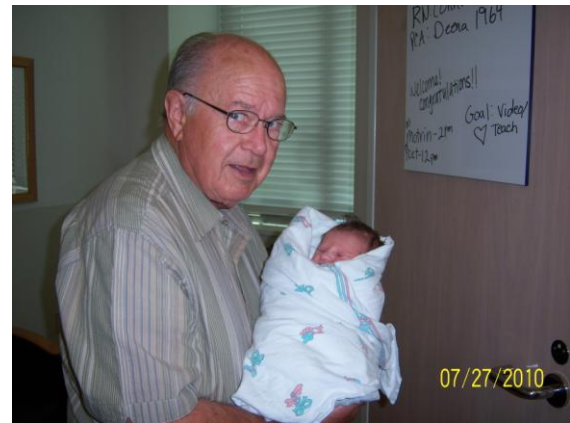
Gaylene, Bailey, and Lauren came from the Phillipines! It was great to see them!

So, one last good-bye dinner for Brianna. She goes into the MTC tomorrow! Bye Bye Bri!



We like to go to Amberly’s grave several times each year. One is on the anniversary of her death. We put new flowers in her vase and remembered our little angel.

And here’s Grandpa with our newest angel—Savannah Rose



We became parents of 5 for a weekend while Lawson and Kelly celebrated their 20th anniversary. It was a salient reminder of why Heavenly Father gives kids to young parents. BUT, it was GREAT! And we loved it! We were just a little tired—that’s all. Probably about how the parents feel!



We were counting up and if you include grandchildren-in-law (which we do), we have 21 children, 54 grandchildren, and 7 great-grandchildren. Now that's something to be grateful for! We love you all very much!

Hey Family: There's obviously been a lot of time and effort put into this Newsletter! PLEASE offer it to all your family to read. Or at least look at the great pictures!



The Burnetts have been having a fun summer.

The Utah Burnetts

Cason has been working for a roofing company. He spent a month or so in California on a job. Seems like they'd replace roofs in Palm Desert in January instead of mid summer! He made a lot of money and is livin' it up now! That work is not real consistent so he's been camping a lot and playing around with friends since being back. Cason came to Kelly and asked for a haircut! Here's a picture before the chopping!

Tanner went to high adventure camp with his varsity scout group. They went to Yellowstone with canoes and paddled about 12 miles I think. That's one trip I would have loved to have gone on but with the other two youth camps I had already used up all the vacation time I could spare.

Thayne got some golf clubs for his birthday and has been playing once a week in a league this summer.

Landon played baseball and liked it pretty well. He got a playing when it was too hot but otherwise had fun. stop playing soccer and play football this year so we worried because he didn't like how much he had to soccer was one practice a week and football is five! But hopefully that continues.



little tired of practicing and He decided he wanted to signed him up. I was practice soccer. I told him he's really been liking it so Meg has just had an with friends and whatever



enjoyable summer playing activity comes along! I enjoyed going to Rexburg had to stay home with Thayne, Landon and Meg. After church and visiting we drove around town and I showed the kids where Kelly and I first lived and such. It was fun and the kids seemed to enjoy stories of our early years.

for Brianna's farewell. Kelly Tanner so I went with

Kelly enjoyed her annual Laurel Legacy camp and had a nice break from the kids and all for the week. I had fun with our annual Aaron's Camp for the priests in our stake. I also got to go on Pioneer Trek with our stake. We went up to Hardware Ranch in Cache Valley and had a good trek. We had some good steep and rocky areas and some pretty cold weather and pretty hot weather so it was a good experience.

We lived in an apartment above the 'Galleria' dance hall in Rexburg in our early married life.

Kelly's sister Colleen had her cancer surgery and it went very well. Time will still tell but things are looking a lot better than expected at this point. Kelly and Meg were able to go up to Idaho Falls and spend some time with Colleen as well as their mom and other sisters who had come down from Canada.

Kelly and I celebrated our 20th wedding anniversary. Mom & Lynn came and took care of the kids and Kelly and I went up to Park City for a couple of days. We had a great time and it was nice to get away a little. Thanks to Mom & Lynn for helping out.

I've been playing basketball and mountain biking. Kelly is still playing soccer and loves it!

We are all in Canada right now except for Cason. He was going to come but changed his mind. It's been nice for us to spend time with Kelly's side of the family.



Neighborhood Bike Ride Ogden River Parkway



Mountain Bike Ride high above Ogden Canyon—overlooking Ogden



