

Happy Happenings

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Twenty-ninth Edition

Mom & Lynn:

Well, I guess the BIG news is that as I'm typing this I'm looking at a new monitor. And compared to the 15 inch one, 19 inches looks BIG! Thanks to Lawson, we upgraded our computer. Your Mom/Grandma wants things FAST and UP-TO-DATE. So, 160 mg of Ram should be enough don't you think? How 'bout a 30 Gig hard drive? Big enough? The cd-rewritable drive rounds it out. I'm all set!

All this because with my new calling, I've been frustrated with the speed and capacity of the computer. (HMMMMMM. Let's see. What did I put in last month's newsletter about the cult of the next thing? And about STUFF and how we think we have to have so much? Well, at least I admitted that I'm a member of the cult.)

Otherwise, things are going pretty smoothly. We (at least I) decided that April wasn't the right time to go to Germany. So Laura, Lynn and I are going to make an all-out goal to go in September. Anyone else in the family want to join us? Apply for your passport now!

Lynn is feeling better and his discomfort from the brachytherapy is slowly diminishing. His PSA was way down (.04 down from 4.5 or 5.2)! Good news! That means that the prostate (and the cancer) are dying. We feel very blessed.

They say that when you go on a diet or exercise program you should go public with it so you'll be more likely to stick with it. Personally, I think you might be jinxing yourself. But, here goes. Lynn and I have been exercising. Thank you, Larry, for pointing out to me what a goldmine the Bountiful Recreation Center is. In addition to exercising on our treadmill and aerobic rider, I've been going to water aerobics twice a week. I really like it. NOW, how do we keep it up? How many times have I started? It's kinda like how many times have I read "I Nephi, having been born of goodly parents."

Well, we love you all and pray for you lots. If you only knew how much we treasure you and your love, you'd be amazed!

Do you recognize this sweet little girl? This is Laura on her fourth birthday, October 4, 1970. In front of her is her cake and presents and that is our green van behind her.



Happy Birthday!!

to Aaron on March 25!!

Todd and Loreen:

February was a great month for us. The highlight was having Todd's parents visit us for 5 days. We enjoyed going to Newport, Rhode Island, NYC and the Statue of Liberty, a few sites in CT, and hanging out doing stuff at the house.

I got out my new sewing machine (my Christmas present from Todd) while they were here and haven't stopped sewing and mending yet. It's a nice thing to have.

We acquired two male Betta fish from our friends who moved. Brittney named her's Diamond and Hannah's is Rainbow and they are both really pretty. This is our first experience owning pets of any kind, so we hope it works out.

We had a huge snowstorm with about 18 inches on top of the 6 or so that we already had. There was so much that it was just amazing. The piles on the sides of our driveway were way taller than Brittney. When you're done with your Christmas tree here you just put it out by the road and they pick it up and mulch it. Our's got covered with snow before they could pick it up and we haven't seen it since - maybe this spring sometime!

The girls are all growing and learning so much. Last weekend Aubrey said, "Mom," rolled over, sat up, and ate some rice cereal! Brittney read "Green Eggs and Ham." There were some words she needed help with but she mostly did it by herself. As she has been doing her reading lessons, Hannah hasn't been very interested so we just give her something to color or do. So we were VERY, VERY surprised the other day when she started sounding out and reading the words in Brittney's lesson!!! She was very excited, too, and is enjoying reading lots of words now. She'll be four in June. Brittney and Hannah enjoy ballet.

We love and miss you all and are looking forward to the reunion in July!! Here is a picture of Hannah and Brittney with the dolls that Todd's mom made for them. It's so cute because right now they are both the same size as their dolls.



Some go to church just for a walk,
Some go there to laugh and talk;
Some go there the time to spend,
Some go there to meet a friend;
Some go there for speculation,
Some go there for observation;
Some go to learn the pastor's name,
Some go there to wound his fame;
Some go there to doze and nod,
Some - do you? - to worship God.

Get religion like a Methodist.
Experience it like a Baptist.
Be sure of it like a Disciple.
Stick to it like a Lutheran.
Conciliate it like a Congregationalist.
Be proud of it like an Episcopalian.
Simplify it like a Quaker.
Glorify it like a Jew.
Pay for it like a Presbyterian.
Practice it like a Christian Scientist.
Work at it like the Salvation Army.
Propagate it like a Roman Catholic.
Enjoy it like a Negro.

--by Agnes Palmer



"You should check your e-mails more often. I fired you over three weeks ago."

Lisa & Steve

Ki family! The Pierson's are alive and kicking!

Christie got a new job at an eye clinic here in Springville. We felt really good about her getting it. There are a lot of things she needs to learn. So far so good! She is still dating Tyler - most every day!!?? He is a nice guy and fun to have around. Cory loves playing cards with him.

Jared is still doing Special Olympics bowling and loving it. He even gets a strike most every time he goes (with the bumpers!). He still begs to go watch tractors. He will find the book I am reading, bring it to me, and say, "Lets go!!" He is a fun guy! He went on a field trip to the firehouse where Todd's sister, Kelly, works. She said the fireman was showing them a fire truck and Jared asked him, "Hey, can I take this rig for a spin?"

Jenny went with her Russian club to Nevada and California for four days this last weekend and had a ball. She went to a Russian Orthodox church on Sunday. She thought it was interesting, but is much more comfortable in our church! She had a ton of school make-up work when she got back, but said it was worth it.

Cory went to a space camp on a Saturday. He loved doing all the space things and learning about NASA. The weekend we got snow Cory was sick and not able to go sledding - bummer! By the time he was feeling better the snow was melted! Hopefully he'll get another chance.

We are working on plans for the summer family reunion. Looks like St. George is the place!! We are trying to make reservations for June 25-27, so put that on your calendars. We will let everyone know more when we do!

Hope everyone is doing well!!

Lawson & Kelly

Cason's basketball season is over. He had a lot of fun with that. Now he has a month or so before soccer starts. We had SEPs for Cason and Tanner this last week and both of their teachers said they're doing very well. Cason's improved his reading level since the last SEP. He's learning to write cursive now. Each time we've met with Cason's teacher, she says how much she like his big smile! She says he always seems happy and full of smiles. Tanner's teacher likes having him around and says he's always good to help out, do what she asks, and always raise his hand when he has something to say.

We're just about a month away from the new baby coming. We had an ultrasound last week and were careful not to look too close in certain areas! Kelly still doesn't want to find out until it's out! Thayne's sure it's a girl and I'm afraid he might be upset if it's not! He's still planning on giving the new baby his blanket and giving up his thumb sucking habit... but we'll see how that goes!

We haven't had too much snow here this winter.

The other day we got a pretty good amount through the night, so the next morning was Saturday and we went out to build a snow fort. We found out there wasn't that much, so Cason went around the yard with the snow shovel and brought more snow to us. We still ran out before we got it done, but it was fun anyway.

