



## Cana & Aaron:

We got three new pigs: one for Jaxon to raise for our branch President (President Guard), one for Jancy to raise for the ranch, and one for Amberly to raise for our family. We let them run loose and have had a few accidents with the yard and flower bed, but other than that, it's fun to watch them run around.

We went on a little family vacation to Cody, Wyoming which is famous for Buffalo Bill Cody. We went home through Yellowstone and saw some grizzly bear tracks in the snow. The kids thought that was pretty cool.

Jaxon lost his first tooth and his other one has already grown in. He was pretty excited about his visit from the tooth fairy. He's learning to ride his bike without training wheels. Jancy and Amberly are doing good.

Four of the main families in the branch moved out last month so our numbers are down to 30 or 40. There were only six kids in Primary last week.

Aaron shipped the cows to the summer range so he's just farming. Aaron's mom is coming and we are going to go to Martin's Cove and Rocky Ridge, the two rescue sites for the Willey and Martin Handcart company.

## Happy Happenings

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### Laura & Greg:

School's out and we're having a great time. We got a new trampoline and the kids can do backwards aerals and many other tricks.

We went to the cabin in Scofield for Memorial Day and Jeremy invited friends for his birthday. Anthony is a Green Belt in karate. Ondylyn got a couple of inches cut off her hair. It's to her chin now and very cute. Zachary graduated from Kindergarten. I got a new serger and sewing machine. Though it was an agonizing process, we got a good deal and it's done and I'm happy. My ear drums burst and I was very sick, but I'm better now. Greg spent a week in Florida for a trade show for his work.

We're getting ready for a cruise to the West coast of Mexico, including Puerto Vallarta and Mazatlan for 8 days.



### News from Mom and Lynn:

Well, I've finally come to it! I have a great desire to serve a mission! I've had it in my head and now it's settling into my heart. I've been reading *all* the General Conference talks in the *Ensign* and I really want to go. When we attended Bryce and Joanne's farewell on Sunday, I remarked that I'm so glad I had already made the decision, so that I wouldn't feel guilty or uncomfortable as I partook of the great Senior Missionary Spirit that was present there.

So, how to manage it! I've also been talking to Lisa and Lawson about \$\$\$\$\$. Yes, MONEY! It's sure a *TEST*! I felt pricked in my heart (scriptural words) when I thought that I would let material goods keep me from obeying what I know is right. Yes—our Cabin and the Summit property. Now, I've rationalized that the earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof and all I want is to enjoy a little spot of it in peace and quiet. That I want a place where I and my family can go to *feel* the serenity that comes when we're there. And I think it's been good and right and wonderful. And yes, I've cried a bucket since I've come to this. BUT, it's right.

I should hasten to say that for some time now Lynn has felt that simplifying our lives and our finances was past due. BUT, he wants everyone to know he doesn't *want* to sell the property either. But he knows that with our house payment, we can't possibly live on our retirement income. So, he's been subtly encouraging me to come to the decision that we need to SIMPLIFY!

Now, I've already talked to Lawson about it. He's disappointed too but totally supportive. And Leslie, I'm sorry you have to hear about it like this. I know you love the place. Are there others of you that feel disappointed? SORRY! But what's right is right.

So, we're starting the procedure and hope that it will sell early this summer. I told Lynn "What thou doest, do quickly." (Not trying to be irreverent.)

Other than that, we're doing just fine. I'm still totally engrossed and occupied with teaching Family History both in groups and to separate individuals. Feeling pretty good about it!

I had a small miracle happen while I was at the Family History Center last Thursday waiting for a lady coming for individual instruction at 6:00 before the 7:00 class. She was late and since I was teaching how to profit from the information in Ancestral File, I decided to take my own advice. As I gave the Sunday lesson on Ancestral File, I explained that since I was a convert, most of my ancestors listed in A F had been submitted by my two children, Larry Burnett and Lisa Pierson and my sister, Alta Reeder. So I would demonstrate using Lynn's ancestral line. (Lynn's ancestors were ALL already in the USA by the time the gospel was restored. They listened to the Prophet or other missionaries and were 1<sup>st</sup> generation Mormons!) So, I had

done that and it worked well.

Well, while I was sitting there, I took *my* pedigree chart and did as I had taught. I began by entering the name of Johan Hans George Dry. Nothing! Why was I wasting my time? I just *knew* I wouldn't find anything! And yet for some reason, I continued.

There, I typed in "Margaretha Clara Augenstein" born Aug 6, 1687 in Baden, Germany. THE MIRACLE OCCURRED! I found not only Margaretha but her father and mother and LOTS of brothers and sisters, her father's father and mother and her mother's father. This extended back as far as 1606! In Germany. A line I was NOT working on! Out of the clear blue sky—well, actually out of the dirty off-white computer!

Since then, I've run their names through TempleReady and found that although most of the temple work has been done for the 16 names, 3 still need their work done. So, was it *those* who inspired me to look?

WAIT, WHOA. GERMANY???? It didn't occur to me until Sunday. I'm going to Germany in September. Is there something I'm supposed to look up while I'm there? Somebody else I'm supposed to find? Leslie and Greg, where is Ellmendingen, Karlsruhe, Baden?

Well, I don't know the answer to what I'm supposed to do yet, but I do know that Elder Ballard's promise is certainly true. He said: "I want to say to you that it is with greater intensity that the hearts of the fathers and mothers in the spirit world are turned to their children than that our hearts are turned to them." and "The spirit and influence of your dead will guide those who are interested in finding those records. If there is anywhere on the earth anything concerning them, YOU WILL FIND IT! And there, I found it right in Ancestral File. Chances are, it had been there a long time!

Well, It's exciting! I feel very close to the Lord. And I'm sure that's why my heart is softened to give up things I thought were very important for something much more important. "I'll go where you want me to go Dear Lord" even where the man-eating snakes are (Lawson and Lisa know the ones I mean).

I love everyone of you! You're in my heart and my prayers every day. What will I do when I go far away and can't see you and hug you and attend the important events in your lives? Oh well, time enough to worry about that. They promise it'll be worth it and I believe them.

We can hardly wait the couple of weeks until most of us will be together. And we'll sure miss those who can't make the reunion. Maybe next year! Maybe for a mission farewell!



## Todd & Loreen:

May was full of up's and down's - We're coming, we're not coming, we're coming, we're NOT coming! We're sorry to say that after a \$500 trip swing in 1 1/2 days, we can't come. We'll miss you all.

On a lighter note, Brittney had a wonderful sixth birthday. One thing that's fun about living here is the diversity. At her party there were kids who are first generation Venezuelan, Ukrainian, Korean, Polish and a few garden variety Americans. She got a bike and is having a great time riding it. She's doing really well in school and looking forward to summer vacation. She doesn't get out until June 21st.

Hannah has been wanting to count down the days until her birthday for a month now, so on June first we finally started counting. Her fish died. We wondered how she would react, but she was okay since, "They have lots more fish at the pet store."

Aubrey gets so excited when we're waiting for the bus. She laughs and kicks when she sees it, and sometimes she says, "Haaaa!" for "Hi."

This month we went to the temple in Boston. Todd had breakfast with the President of his company. We went to the Bushnell Park in the center of Hartford and rode the old-fashioned carousel, ate pizza, and played in the park. We enjoyed our annual ward Memorial Day picnic at a nice park by our chapel. We also did a Stake service project at the Scout camp in Ashford. The Young Men are still keeping Todd busy. One of their fun activities this month was mountain biking. They are planning a five day High Adventure trip hiking and mountain climbing in New Hampshire in July.

There is a french couple that lives down the street. We gave them a french Book of Mormon and a loaf of homemade bread. It turned out that it was the man's birthday! We were happy with the way that went. They gave Brittney a card and \$5 for her birthday. Brittney is a great missionary. She gave a couple of Pass-along cards to her friends!

We didn't mention it last time, but in April Dallin H. Oaks spoke at our stake conference. Of course, it was fantastic.

We love and miss you all and hope you have a wonderful month.

## Happy Birthday

Katelyn - June 17

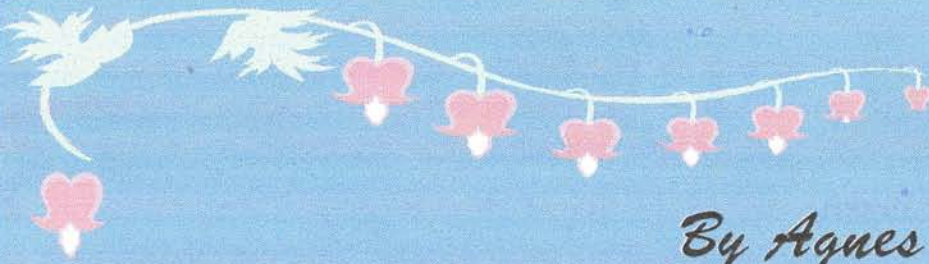
Brianna - June 20

Tiffany - June 26

Hannah - June 29



Congratulations to  
Sarah and Garrett on  
the birth of their son,  
Ryan Reid Lewis!!



By Agnes Palmer

The rain is falling swiftly  
In slanting, silver sheets.  
I hear its steady rhythm  
As on my roof it beats.  
I sit in silence, dreaming,  
(Not long - but oh, so long -  
You held me in your arms)  
And the trees, with branches streaming  
Keep me silent company.

The rain is falling swiftly  
With changeless, sad refrain.  
I look down from my window  
At my garden in the rain.  
My breath is drawn with sighing  
(Not long ago - but oh so long -  
Your lips lay sweet on mine.)  
There in the garden lying  
Are the petals of a rose.