

Happy Happenings

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- 7th—Connie
- 9th—Christie
- 18th—Steve
- 19th—Cason

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

- 2nd—Mom & Lynn

The Sorensens had a great month. I guess I should let everyone know that I'm pregnant so nobody feels left out. The doctors say everything is going just great. The baby is due March 20.

We had a good Christmas with a nice visit from Mom and Lynn. It was nice for us to have it on a Sunday.

We had a good break with the kids. We had nice weather at first so we were able to go horse riding and roping and play outside lots. Then we got

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a couple of inches of snow so we were also able to pull the sled behind the four-wheeler.

We had a fun New Years. We kept talking about our party we were going to have and Broox was so excited even though he had no clue what was going on. Everyone but Dixon stayed up until midnight to ring in the New Year. It was a first for Jaxon and Broox.

The kids are doing indoor soccer through the school two nights a week. They like that.

Everything else is good. We hope it is with everybody else, too.



C O O N S

December was a wonderful month for the Coons family, especially once we got over our colds. The big event was Christmas, of course, and it's hard to remember anything else that happened. We took our nonmember friends to our ward Christmas party.

Christmas day was fun because the kids were so excit-

ed. We got to bed late Christmas Eve and I was hoping I would be able to enjoy the day and not be too tired. But I didn't have to worry because the magic was in the air Christmas morning! That's one of the fun things about little kids. While we were waiting to see what Santa brought, Hannah was so excited she was jumping (and she's generally pretty reserved)! They were very

happy with what they got from Santa. We don't buy toys for our kids much but it was fun to be able to get them all something they really liked. They are easy to please. It was a fun day.

Some friends of ours, the Cranes and their four kids, who we met in Connecticut and now live in New Mexico, came for a couple of days after

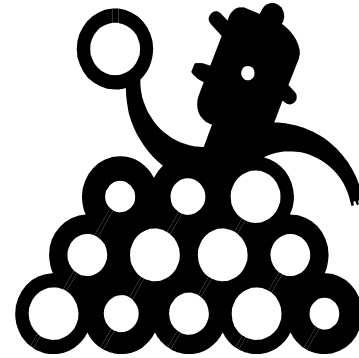
Christmas. We both get along with both of them so well and it was such a nice visit. The kids had fun together, too. Todd tied the tarp onto the riding lawn mower and gave the kids rides in the backyard.

We went to Todd's parents' house for a few days after that. Cody, Tracy, and Kelly were there along with both sons-in-law and all 12

grandchildren. So all of Bob and Sue's posterity was there at the same time. It was nice. The kids love playing in Great-Grandpa's tree house. He added another room, grass carpet, 2 tables and chairs, and a little nook to sit in. It's quite the tree house! Todd went hunting with the guys in the jeep. It was a great visit.

Mom and Lynn are here now and we are enjoying their company. We are trying to finish the scrapbook of Mom from birth up until the time she got married. We have picked citrus, gone to the park, gone walking, enjoyed being outside, studied scriptures, and just hung out together. It's nice to have them here.

We love you all!!!



Remember not only to say the right thing in the right place, but far more difficult still, to leave unsaid the wrong thing at the tempting moment."

-- Benjamin Franklin



We had a scout campout at Crystal Hot Springs. It was a lot of fun and the weather wasn't too bad. We spent the evening in the hot tubs and going down the slide (that was COLD!!) and then went back to the camp and fire.

Landon did a "Bweanna"... I asked what his name was and he said "Wandon" so I said "Wandon?"... he said "no, L, L, L, Wandon." It was pretty funny!

Cason made a fort in the backyard with a tarp so he, Thayne, Landon and I spent a Friday night out there a couple of weeks ago. Very cold outside but warm inside 2 sleeping bags!

We've been skiing a couple of time. Thayne, Tanner and I went to Brighton and then Tanner and I went to Snow Basin another time and had lots of fun. Tanner is in 5th

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grade this year so he has a pass to allow him to go 4 times to most ski resorts in Utah.

We had a good Christmas. Kelly made pastries to take around to our friends and neighbors. Everyone was mostly happy with what they got. Tanner wasn't too excited about his main thing though and we could tell so Kelly helped him take it back to Toys R Us to get something else. I didn't think much about it until Landon asked how we could take a present from Santa back to the North Pole! I came up with something he was ok with!

We had a good New Year's Eve. Some friends invited us to a party at their house with a bunch of people.

We went to the Lion, Witch and Wardrobe movie over the Christmas break. At one part

the older sister (Susan) was looking for the younger one (Lucy). The theater was really quiet and Susan said "Lucy, where are you?" Meguire was so into it... she repeated rather loudly "Lucy, where are you?" Most everyone in the theater chuckled!

We are staying very busy with soccer and basketball and church and scouting activities.

Kelly has been enjoying playing with Adobe Photoshop Elements on the computer. I included a collage she made on the last page.



W H I T E

Greetings from Arizona. Here we are being snow birds again. And boy, is it warm here, which is great. But I certainly didn't anticipate 80_ weather so my clothes are really stuffy and hot.

We had a great trip down. We stopped in Page, Arizona and stayed in a nice "Quality Inn" overlooking Glen Canyon Dam and the beautiful scenery along the Colorado River as it leaves Lake Powell. We had a very relaxing evening and a great night's sleep *plus* a hot breakfast. And all for only \$35.00! We felt very blessed.

The Coons family was ready and waiting for our arrival. They're so nice and polite to us. Brittney gives up her room and we are treated like royalty! Also they have all the citrus fruit you can eat! On our walk Thursday, we gathered grapefruit, oranges, tangelos and tangerines. YUM!

Leslie, Greg, Amy Sue, Brianna and Jeff came Friday night. We had a good visit but were so sorry Jeff forgot his Temple recommend. Amy Sue has been doing genealogy and has 18 ancestors to do Temple work for. She had already done the baptisms for the 6 females and she and I had it all figured out that Jeff could be baptized for the 12 males. We came very close to just skipping it for this week, but Loreen had arranged a definite appointment for us at 7:30 so we went anyway! **Thank Heavens!** I say that because it was such a good experience. *Such a good day!*

They arranged it so that we had the baptismal font all to ourselves! Lynn baptized Greg for our ancestors. Leslie and I were able to stand at the rail and watch the whole thing, glancing at the names as they came on the screen. We were both shedding tears as the spirit bore witness to us that

these people were so glad that we were helping them even though they were not really direct ancestors! Leslie said that she really felt like they may have actually been there!

Lynn was confirmed for them and we took the cards to the office where those ordinances were recorded and then did the initiatory work. Again, a very spiritual experience. Loreen and Todd arrived and joined us for an endowment session. We were so motivated! Most of us stayed awake the whole time, even though we had to struggle a bit!

After some good gospel conversation in the Celestial room, what could we add to make it complete? A sealing! One of the couples for which we had done the work had been cleared to be sealed to each other—so we did it! The sealer was so nice and took quite a bit of time sharing his spirit and testimony with us, then sealed the couple as Leslie and Greg acted as proxies. The sealer asked us to promise that we would pray for those for whom we had done the ordinances. What a wonderful day!

Thanks Amy Sue, for getting us started. As I thought about it, it was really a miracle that those folks had their work done at this time. Especially those who had **all** the ordinances done in one day! Amy had downloaded some different names from the internet and was ready to do their work when we discovered that the ordinances had been done. She was so disappointed that I helped her find some that *were* qualified. Just think, if she had done the first names, the eighteen we did would still be waiting! They must've really been ready for us to have worked it all out just right!

We had a great day with Larry, Jill,

Tiffany, Heather and Katelyn yesterday. Jill prepared a wonderful meal (as usual) and the girls were so kind and polite to their old grandparents! They all just sat around the table and talked and listened and were so cute. Those girls sure love each other and their parents. And I'm grateful they accept us too! I was so impressed with the new relaxed Larry! He's lovin' his new job and you should see what they're doing to their house!

So—**FAMILY** it means everything to us! And you have all made the holidays so good for us. Thank you for the Christmas presents and your thoughtfulness. See you soon.



We can strengthen one another; we have the capacity to notice the unnoticed. When we have eyes that see, ears that hear, and hearts that know and feel, we can reach out and rescue those for whom we have responsibility.



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