



Happy Happenings

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81st Edition

The Sorensens



We are doing good. Broox had his fourth birthday. We went swimming and to Pizza hut, two of his favorite things.

We bought 100 cows and two of them have had babies.

The doctor says everything is looking good with the baby. I am due on the 22nd but they may start me a week early. We'll see if we want to or not.

The kids have a rodeo on March 21st in Utah. Aaron is planning to take them.

The Wilsons

Hi Family. It was sure good to see many of you at the big wedding in Kanab. We had a pretty exciting month. I went to Florida and then Huntsville Alabama. I was having the worst time getting my email to work on the road. When I finally got into the systems I found out I am in charge of organizing a conference in Las Vegas the first week of May. That certainly ruined the whole trip. I'm still in charge of the 11 year old scout in the ward.

My most challenging one just turned 12 and moved on. It's scary because without him our meetings are just too easy now. I have a very rough one coming in this summer, that should bring things back to normal.

Leslie is very busy as always. She is still the Young Women's president and they just finished their New Beginnings program. They did a Values Fair and it went very well. They are getting ready to put on a fifties dance for the stake in a few weeks. If Leah and Lynn could come down they could give some expert advise on what the time period was like to make it authentic. Speaking of old folks we had to have the Fort Huachuca Fire Department on standby while we lit up my cake.

Brianna still hasn't gotten her drivers license but she does have her permit now. We are planning to go driving later today. So, if I don't come back we will have to count this as my goodbye. She is still baby sitting for a family in the ward. It's amazing how well she handles those four little kids. She has also been called to the committee to organize this year's stake youth conference. Jeff just got back from a very exciting field trip. He went to northern Arizona and saw a renaissance festival and then they went to Walnut Canyon and saw the old Indian cliff dwellings.

Leslie would like to make sure everybody celebrates the big holiday on Tuesday March 14th. Of course you all know that is Pi Day. Yes, you can bake a pie just as long as you admire it's shape before you eat it.

Here are some pictures from Kanab: Ben and Mel, burning the sagebrush by the road at Dad's, and moving the rock out by the patio. Good job, guys!





The Dyes

Zac has been a lot happier once we changed his bedtime to 8:00 (so happy in fact that we're wondering what he'd be like with a 7:30 bedtime!).

Ondy's memorizing a very difficult 8-page song for her recital. She's only a couple of months from finishing her personal progress medallion. She's signing up for a beginning dance class with her friend Brittany.

Anthony can't stay out of the doctor's office. (He must have a crush on one of those nurses!) He got 7 stitches in his leg and broke a rib from a snowboarding accident (snowboarding behind a snowmobile.) He's had trouble with his chest hurting while he is eating. We found out this week that he has esophageal spasms. It's causing him lots of pain and makes eating and sleeping very difficult. Anthony landed a back flip on his snowboard this last weekend at the cabin. It was only his second try. He and some friends (& Cory Pierson) made a movie for Seminary about a kid who learns not to procrastinate the day of his repentance. It turned out really good - ask him to show it to you next time you see him.

Laura worked for about 7 days prior to Valentines day. They went through about 15,000 roses. Guess what Greg didn't get for her for Valentines day? (Laura got a Sudoku book instead). Life has been busy the last several week including the weekend trip to St. George for Melanie's wedding and then immediately going in to Culture week at Sagecreek. We would love to send pictures, but they are not available yet. The elementary kids learned about two continents each day including songs, dances, pictures, traditions, coins, currency, flags, animals, trivia, etc. Greg did a presentation on coins from around the world on Friday and the kids learned where in the world the Sagecreek dragon had been hiding. (There were clues each day and the answer was Brazil.) Everything went really well during the week. The highlight was on Tuesday when the kids were able to dress up in costumes from the different continents for group pictures. They absolutely loved it.

Jeremy is continuing to do great. He recently transferred to Belo Horizonte and is with a new companion. He went from a die-hard 4-year convert Elder to an Elder with ADD. This is trying his patience, when his companion doesn't want to follow the rules or plan, yet he is the "senior" companion and also the District leader. I'm sure, he will learn about patience with this new companionship.



Happy Birthday to:

Landon - March 21

Aaron - March 25

Hope you have a good one!!!



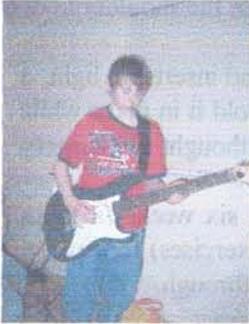
Happy 26th Anniversary, Larry and Jill,
on March 15!!



The Burnetts

This last month I completed 10 years at my current job. Hard to believe I've been there that long. It's been a good place to work and we feel blessed to have good employment.

I've been continuing to work on our basement. Yesterday I finally got the last of the tile done in the downstairs bathroom shower area. I'm very happy to have that project done! But there's always more to do.



Winter sports are wrapping up some. Just in time for us to start spring stuff. Tanner and Thayne had a lot of fun with basketball and finished this last Saturday. They both did well. They can both handle the ball pretty well and Tanner is a good little shooter. He was often the highest scorer on his team. Tanner has started outdoor soccer practice and Thayne will start back up pretty soon. Thayne and Kelly are both still playing indoor soccer also.

Cason seems to enjoy playing the guitar (Left) and is getting pretty good at it. Thayne bought this big doughnut (Right)! It lasted him for a while!



Meguire had her 3 year old birthday party. We had some of her little friends over and played some games and had cake and ice cream. Mom & Lynn came. 3 year old birthday parties are a lot cheaper and easier than when they get older!

One time skiing last month we took Landon for the first time. He used ski blades which are a little easier than regular skis. He did really well and had a really fun day.

We had an enjoyable time going to St. George for Melanie's wedding and then spending some time at Dad's. We are thankful to Cory and Anthony and the other kids who helped watch the little ones during the temple ceremony. Too bad they got in trouble with the building security guy!

We got to St. George early and found that they were showing the new Joseph Smith movie at the visitor's center. Kelly, Cason and Tanner watched it. Landon, Meg and I started, but they had been sitting in the car too long and they just couldn't sit still! So we went out and walked around the temple grounds.

Melanie's ceremony was very nice and we were so happy to be able to be there. Glad that she found a good guy that she was able to get married in the temple. After the ceremony we went to Golden Corral for dinner. Cason and Tanner went absolutely crazy! Tanner was so excited to be able to eat as much shrimp as he wanted! I was surprised how much they both ate. Especially Cason! He had 4 or 5 plates of food. Then he got dessert and I thought he was done, but then he went back after all that and got a steak and ate the whole thing!

The ceremony was on Friday. On Saturday all the ladies went into town (in Kanab) to decorate for the reception that night. The guys stayed at Dad's and did a little service project! Dad had some landscaping rock that needed to be moved around. I think what the 8 or so of got done in a few hours saved him and Connie a lot of time and I think they were very thankful. We also rounded up a bunch of tumbleweeds and burned them. They had a big wind and had quite a collection of tumbleweeds! Seems like Dad just wants to be able to keep going doing the things he's always done, but his body just isn't quite up to it. On Sunday before leaving Dad and I took all our kids and went for a 4 wheeler ride. Kelly stayed back and helped Connie clean things up and had a good talk with Connie. From what Kelly told me it sounds like Connie could certainly use moral support from us. As Dad's gotten weaker she's had to do more and she's tired. If you're up to it, I think giving her a call here and there would mean a lot.



The Whites

Greetings from Saratoga Springs! We love each of you!

The big news from us this month is that *we are getting older – and our age is showing!*

I (this is Grandpa talking) have been having increasing pain in my right shoulder for several years. I decided it was time to do something about it. The doctor gave me a cortisone shot a few months ago, but that didn't do much good. He then had an MRI done (took detailed pictures of the inside of my shoulder). It showed that I had at least one tear in the rotator cuff (the tendon connecting the muscle with the shoulder bone had broken away). So, we scheduled surgery. It was done on February 23.

The techniques surgeons use now days are amazing. They poked four little holes into my shoulder and inserted a light, a camera, and his necessary tools to clean out any stuff that was in there, and to stretch the tendon and hold it in place while he sewed it together. Amazing! The doctor said my bone and muscle were both really healthy. He thought the surgery should be successful.

It will take quite a while for everything to heal. I'm having to wear a sling on my arm for about six weeks (it takes about that long for the tendon to grow back to the bone). And I will need to do some therapy (specific exercises) for several weeks to re-build the strength and motion of my arm and shoulder. It should be lots better when it is all through.

Now we come to the scary part!

About three o'clock early Sunday morning (March 5th) Grandma woke me up cause she was having really funny things going on in her heart. Her heart was beating very rapidly – probably twice as fast as it should be. And it wouldn't settle down. This isn't the first time this has happened – it has happened quite a number of times before – one of the more recent times was when we were in Arizona in January.

But this time it just went on and on. So, by four o'clock, after prayer, we were on our way to the emergency room in the American Fork hospital. Very quickly they learned that grandma had been operated on by a Dr. Hwang for this kind of problem 3 ½ years ago. The doctors at American Fork kept calling Dr Hwang for instructions on how to deal with her problems. They gave her shots and medications. This went on for about 5 or 6 hours. By this time Dr. Hwang asked for us to go to the Provo hospital. Well, they didn't have any beds in the heart wing at Provo. So we waited for a couple more hours until a bed was available. The funny heart beats finally stopped about the time we left American Fork to go to Provo. (These funny heart beats are called 'atrial fibrillation') The doctor came by to see her, had some pictures taken of her heart, and said he would be back next morning to discuss what to do next. Next morning he changed quite a few of her medicines and said 'come see me in six weeks– unless you have more of these things – then come quickly'.

It has left Grandma pretty weak and shaky. So far she is not feeling very well. We'll hope that goes away soon. On Sunday afternoon several people came to the hospital to see Grandma – including Lisa, Steve, Laura, and Steve's mom Mary (Thanks Guys! We sure appreciated the visit.). A couple of couples from the ward also came, and one of them, Rocky White – a former member of the bishopric and a good friend – offered to assist with a priesthood blessing. This was great. Grandma was promised that she would be made well. I really believe this. We're not sure of how this will happen – but it will!

Grandma came home on Monday. She is still feeling weak and not very well. We would love for each of you to pray for her.

We love every one of you!!

Grandpa and Grandma



Since I (Loreen) got this newsletter entry, Mom went to the doctor for a cortisone shot in her knee. She asked to have her toe x-rayed because she had stubbed it a couple of weeks ago. It didn't get black and blue or swell up, but it continued to hurt. The doctor x-rayed it and sure enough, Mom has a broken toe! So now she has it taped and has to wear a blue shoe. She said to feel free to call them the "PPP" or "Poor Pitiful Pair." I told her that I've been told that things come in threes so they are all done!



The Coons

So what did we do in February? We are always busy with life in general. Actually, we try not to be too busy. Anyway, Aubrey, Caleb, and I go to story time at the church on Thursdays. Caleb and I go to Preschool with Aubrey on Mondays and I teach a 15-20 minute Spanish lesson and help out. It's a great chance for Caleb to have something fun to do and the teacher lets us pay half tuition. Aubrey also goes on Wed. and Fri. We got a jogging stroller and the 2 kids and I have been walking a few times a week. Piano is going pretty well. Brittney is going to go to a new teacher, Pauline Dana and is looking forward to that.

We enjoyed going to the wedding and reception. It was nice to see Ben and Mel so happy.

The big news for the month is that our family is Training-wheel-less. Caleb is 3 1/2 and he learned to ride without training wheels! He loves it, too. He's always asking me if he can go riding (he can't start without my help). He does so well and it's so fun to watch him.

We put in our garden. We are working on getting a fence and Labrador. Hopefully that will happen in the near future.

We love you all very much.

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I am sending them each a copy of the newsletter and hoping they will contribute an entry so we can know how they are doing. So please e-mail me (if someone else is doing it I will forward it) ANYTIME.

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HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY