April 2006

Happy Happenings



March was unusual for us and we are grateful that things don't usually happen like they did last month. The kids had a week off for Spring break so Todd took Tues., March 14 off of work. We got all ready to go up the mountains (Payson is less than two hours away) and play in the snow. Everyone went in for a quick bathroom job before we took off and Caleb got his thumb closed in the bathroom door. Yes, it was broken, poor little guy! There was nothing to do, so four hours later we still went up the mountains and played in the snow and had a great time!! We don't have all the snow gear that we used to so people got a little cold, but we got by okay and the kids loved it.

Caleb got his cast on Thursday and on Friday Aubrey was sitting on the fence talking to the neighbors (she loves to do that) and she fell off (no surprise - it was just a matter of time). She cried enough that we took her to Urgent Care and found out that she had a broken collar bone. They gave her a cute little sling that hasn't been used much. You know, it was kind of cute when it was just one kid with a cast, but it got embarrassing when we had to go in public with our two littlest kids all bandaged up.

The next week Todd was playing basketball and a big guy fell right on his foot. He was in terrible pain so he went in and had it xrayed and found that it was sprained.

Things come in three's, right? Well, it rained a lot and our roof leaked and ruined our bathroom ceiling. Luckily, the roof is fairly new (right before we moved in) and the roofer fixed it inside and out for free.

That's all the bad news!

Todd and I took Brittney and Hannah to the Hale Centre Theatre (it's a theatre in the round) to see "Fiddler on the Roof." It was an outstanding production and we thoroughly enjoyed it.

We do have some really

good news. We got our acre fenced and we found a puppy! It's a girl lab and it's in Saint George. We are getting her the weekend of April 22nd (They have family here and are planning on coming down; if not, we will go get her.) We will put pictures in next time. She is darling and we are all very excited. She's a yellow lab but she's really white right now. I'm sure the family dynamics will change somewhat, but this is something Todd has wanted since we got married and something we've been waiting for since we moved here.

That's all from the Coons family. We sure love you all and are looking forward to seeing everyone in a few months





Grandpa & Grandma

Greetings from Saratoga Springs! We love each of you!

Another busy month has gone – where? Who knows?

The big news, of course, is Rix! What a cute, cuddly boy!

Your Mom and I went to Wyoming to be there to help take care of kids, etc. when Rix made his debut (that means 'his grand entrance') into the world. In spite of the fact his head was not quite the normal shape, he was a cute, loveable baby. (In fact, after his surgery we had to learn all over again to recognize him. Still the cute little guy, though.) on the other kids as Lana and Aaron took Rix to Primary Children's for an evaluation. The doctors there thought they could do a good job fixing the shape of his head, and an appointment was made for Mar 30. It is marvelous what doctors can do nowadays! Even more amazing is what the human body can have done to it and bounce back! We all feel so for Rix and all he has been through in his short life. He is healing so well and doing so well! We love you, Rix!!

We told you last month that I had had my rotator cuff repaired (my right shoulder was operated on). It is healing well – so they tell me. I am taking physical therapy to get my movement and strength back. I'm able to do most nonstrenuous things now. And will be ready to take on the harder things soon. Thanks for your prayers.

Your Mom is still dealing with her heart's funny business. The new medicines the doctors have given her are sort of driving her crazy. There are several things that are bothering her right now, and our regular doctor isn't helping much. She goes back to Dr Hwang next week. We're sure hoping he gets something straightened out soon for her so she'll feel well – and of course – <u>be</u> <u>well</u>. She'll need lots of prayers! Thanks!!

We - mostly your Mom - are

starting to teach a Family History class in Sunday School on April 16. She is stressed about how she wants to teach it. I'm mostly along to help out where and when I can. (That is why I am writing this letter rather than her.) She always teaches a *good* class – but she worries lots about it before it is done. I'm sure she will do well – but it is really hard work for her. Some prayers along this line will be appreciated, too.

Spring is springing for sure in Utah. That means reunion time is not so very far away. We are so looking forward to it! Have a good Spring!!

We love each one of you!

We were there to keep an eye

Burnetts

Cason has started doing track. His first meet is today and he's scheduled to run the 800 and the mile. He's been enjoying practice after school.

Landon gave a primary talk and did really well! I was worried he would freeze up when he got in front of everyone but he didn't.

Our downstairs bathroom is finally almost done! I got all the tile work and caulking done. The boys enjoy having a shower down there now.

We had an overnight scout camp at our stake camp. It was lots of fun. The boys had fun playing in the snow. There was a big snow bank and they dug a tunnel right through it! Landon had his 5th birthday. We celebrated it at the youth rodeo with the Sorensen's because that was on his birthday. He also had a party at home with his friends later that week.

Cason, Tanner, Thayne and I have been enjoying skiing and hope to go one more time before it gets too warm.

We are heavy into soccer again! Tanner has 2 games and 2 practices each week. Thayne and Landon are playing also. It's fun and we all enjoy it. Kelly is still playing on a women's team and she and I will start on a co-ed team in another week or so.

Service / Humanitarian activity

From Kelly ...

I've contacted the Humanitarian Center and these are some things they can use: Mittens and gloves for children, children's t-shirts and night wear, infant wear, flat crib sheets, coats.

With winter ending there will be some sales and people that will be giving away winter coats and gloves. I was thinking that we could gather second hand items from friends, neighbors and schools. At our school at the end of the year they D.I. the lost and found items. I'm going to talk to our Principal and ask if she will allow me to have them for our project.

Also for our project I would like to do school supply kits. Lisa has extra bags from her ward that we can have. We will then just need to fill them with:

4 pencils (unsharpened), 1 box pre-sharpened or unsharpened assorted colored pencils (approx. 7" long, approx. 12 pencils/box), 1 pencil sharpener, 1 pair of blunt-nosed scissors (metal blades), Glued or spiral bound notebooks or letter size legal pads, with lined sheets. Include enough notebooks/pads to total approximately 450 sheets (Please do not include more than 6 notebooks/pads). Sheet sizes 8 1/2" x 11", 8" x 10 1/2", 8 1/2" x 11 3/4" are acceptable.

If you see any of these items on sales for a good deal let me know.

We can also take an hour or so at camp to help clean or some other type of small project.