## Happy Happenings

## Coons

We have some important news that we need you all to write down! Here in Gilbert we have been part of the County but we are being annexed into the Town of Gilbert. Our address is changing effective Nov. 10th. Our new address is:

2146 E. Willis Rd. Gilbert, AZ 85296

Our phone number is the same and we have not moved.

We had a fantastic family vacation. Oct. 19-21 we went several places in northern Arizona. The first was Montezuma's castle which is an Indian home built way up on the side of a steep mountain. We went to the Pioneer Museum in Flagstaff and the

kids saw lots of cool old stuff like a big old record player, a big old radio, an iron lung, old typewriters, and more. We also got to tour an old caboose. On Friday we went to the Grand Canyon and it was awesome!!! We watched the IMAX movie, then went to the canyon. We hiked a little along the rim and then got on the bus and went to the end of the line where there are no cars. sidewalks, or fences. We hiked right along the edge of the rim for a mile or so and it was so beautiful, peaceful and quiet. We saw someone every five minutes or so but it was just perfect and we were so amazed at this beautiful world.

Halloween was fun. Brittney was the Egyptian Goddess, Hathor. She is studying Ancient Egypt in school this year and all the sixth graders had to dress as their chosen God or Goddess and they did a wax museum at school. The other kids in the school came to their classrooms and pushed their "button" on their desk and the sixth graders gave information on their God or Goddess. She looked great. Hannah was a Medieval Queen, Aubrev was a Genie. and Caleb was a black cat. We went to the neighborhood bonfire that we have every year and had hot dogs and homemade rootbeer and

visited with people. The kids got tons of candy. They sold half of it to an orthodontist for \$2 a pound and made \$11. The ortho will match the dollar amount and donate it to the school and send the candy to the troops in Iraq.

We have enjoyed having the Wilsons and Mom and Lynn here while they attended the Anasazi seminar in Mesa.

Todd turned 35 and I turned 36. My birthday was so great. Four of my friends took me to lunch the day before. A lady brought me a chocolate cake on my birthday and lots of people called and



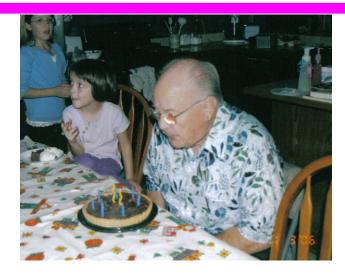


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were so nice to me. I got a bike so now we can go riding as a family. I also got new pots and pans and flowers. It was fun to have Mom and Lynn, Leslie and Brianna here that day.

Todd saved a bag of army men from when he was a little boy and right now that is all Caleb plays with every day. He loves them. Caleb was swinging from a rope tied to a tree and he cut his ankle so bad that we ended up in the E.R. We went to the new hospital by our house and they were fast and very good.

We sure love you all and are looking forward to seeing many of you at Thanksgiving. Love, The Coons Family



## **Burnetts**

We have finished outdoor soccer and have moved on to indoor! Tanner, Thayne and Kelly and I are playing and enjoying it.

In scouts we have continued working on the cycling merit badge. Not sure if that was a good idea... lots of work! I don't mind the bike rides, but it's hard dragging some of those out of shape boys along!

I attended a scouting relationships conference at the Ogden tabernacle. It was really enjoyable. I was asked to serve as a unit commissioner over 3 varsity scout units in our stake. It's not a church calling, just a scout

volunteer thing to help those units make sure things are working properly and running smoothly.



For our combined youth activity we took the kids to a Weber State football game. In the past we've driven down to Provo for a BYU game but we noticed the

kids didn't care much about the actual game so we decided to just save ourselves the long drive and traffic! I think they had just as much fun because they just like to be together and mess around!

I went to the Summit with all the kids except Cason (he stayed home for a party). Mom and Lynn were there and we had an enjoyable weekend with them.





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## White

From Mom & Lynn Hello Everyone.

First, let's get it out in the open-NO MISSION CALL! Nope, no word. Now, we have felt for some time that Heavenly Father was sure providing a way for us to help Jeff and Leslie and that as soon as Jeff got situated we'd get our call. After all, we gave our papers to the Bishop August 27 (12 weeks ago) and to the Stake President September 24 (8 weeks ago). Weird, huh? I really had never thought of us as rejects. Maybe our papers got lost! The truth is that we still go nervously to the mailbox every single day and feel a keen sense of disappointment when there's not a large envelope addressed to us from the Prophet.

On the other hand, as the weather gets colder, I'm sorta getting out of the mood. I think about how cold and miserable it can be and wonder why in the world I'd want to ride the bus to Salt Lake and then walk to the Genealogy Library—every day!

Well, another tender mercy by the holdup—we're going to be here to help Lana and Aaron when Rix has his surgery on December 6. We're so prayerful for him and for the surgeons. Let's remember Rix on December fast Sunday—OK? We're also praying every day for blessings for the Sorensen's herds and crops. Their calves have been dying from pneumonia and their clover is down in a windrow waiting for the seed company to come and harvest it. We just pray for blessings on this little family.

We traveled to Mesa two weeks ago and enjoyed attending the Anasazi seminar. Boy, did we learn a lot. And we're still trying to digest it all. We sure do believe that Jeff is in a wonderful program. I got such a strong witness that this is the right place for him at this time and that the miracle we are praying for is certainly coming. We continue to pray for him and for Brianna and Leslie and Greg. They are so brave and strong. We know they will all be blessed for their diligence.

We sure did enjoy being with the Coons and the Burnetts while we were in Arizona. Thanks to all for making us feel so welcome and at home. We admire you sweet children and grandchildren so much. Wish we could be with you more.

We look forward to Thanks-

giving. Gosh, Larry, you're the only one who won't be here! It's #1 amazing that six of you will be and #2 too bad that one of you won't. We'll eat some pie and think of you.

Here are some pictures we've taken in the last month:







