

# Happy Happenings

## Coons

March was a great month. The weather here is so beautiful and we have enjoyed spending a lot of time outside. Todd took Taffy to Obedience School for 6 weeks (an hour a week). She learned a lot and is better behaved. The kids took turns going and they are all good trainers, too.

Brittney tried out for District Honor Band and made it. She had several practices and then did a performance at the High School. It was fantastic! It's hard to believe that kids that young can do as well as they did. Brittney also went to a Safe Sitter (babysitting) class for two full days over Spring Break at the Hospital. What a great class! She learned rescue breathing, Heimlich, and other First Aid things. She also learned what jobs to accept and how to keep herself safe. She learned about discipline problems and tons of other things. We were very

pleased with the quality of the class. Brittney had a friend party just for fun. She had 8 girls over. They played, did make-overs (one of the girls' moms is a Mary Kay lady so she brought all her samples and showed the girls how to use it all), had dinner and s'mores, and watched "The Princess Bride." Hannah is going to have her party soon, then Aubrey, then Caleb. You just can't do something for one without doing it for everyone.

March 16 and 17 we took a trip to Eastern Arizona. We went to the Painted Desert (the rocks and dirt are amazing colors) and the Petrified Forest. We enjoyed reading a binder full of letters that people had sent to the park along with rocks they had stolen. They said that the stolen rocks had brought them terrible luck and to please take them back! It was so funny.

We also spent a weekend at Todd's parents' house and had a fun time. Britt-

ney and Todd's cousin (exactly Brittney's age) and I went to the Young Women's Broadcast. Brittney will be 12 next month!!

For Enrichment the Relief Society President decided that she wanted each sister to have their own little cake for the RS birthday celebration. So a few ladies and I made and decorated 90 small cakes! They looked so cute on the tables and everyone really liked them but it was a lot of work.

Our kids will be going to a new school in the fall. Our current school just got too full so they are building a new one and we are in the area that has to move. I am going to coordinate the Art Masterpiece program with one other lady. So we will choose, buy and frame about 40 paintings (prints), get teaching packets and books ready for each one, and find and train about 40 volunteers to teach the art to the classes.

We are really praying for Dad with his kidney removal surgery. We are planning to go up the weekend before the surgery and help out with whatever they need.

We love you all and hope you are well.

## Sorensens

We moved. Our new address is

1106 Tunnel Hill Rd.  
Riverton, WY 82501

Our phone number is the same. We'll give you an update next month.

## Whites

Mom and Lynn

Hi Family—News from the missionaries goes about like this: It's *hard* for old brains to remember all the stuff we're studying! I did pass my "apprentice" training program which pretty much just means I know enough to know how much more there is to know. We're both able to help patrons if the questions are simple and it makes us feel pretty wonderful. But many times the help comes in the form of "I don't know but I'll find someone who does." No shame in that but we hope someday to be the person who can help.

I'm going to have Lynn tell you of the tender mercies associated with our recent car disaster: This is Lynn—

About a month ago we were traveling from Saratoga Springs to our apartment in Salt Lake in the evening after dark. We were traveling on the freeway in the HOV lane (that's the way inside lane) in the green Plymouth minivan. All of a sudden we lost all power in the engine.

The engine was dead and wouldn't start. In addition to the HOV lane there were four more lanes between us and the shoulder where cars in trouble can stop. Talk about a tender mercy – I was able to get in between cars across each of the four lanes and get to the outside. All this while coasting and the car slowing down pretty drastically. We stopped right by a freeway entrance so there was a "Y" shape with dirt in the middle. It was there where we hovered with cars zooming by on both sides. We waited a few minutes hoping a patrolman would come by and help us. No-one did so we called the Highway patrol and finally 911 on our cell phone. After a time, a patrolman showed up and called a tow truck. But, two things – we would have no way to get home – we couldn't ride with the patrolman, and the tow-truck driver wasn't about to let us ride with him. *And*, we had to pay the tow-truck driver – **up front – in cash** – no plastic – no check! \$121.00!!! And we didn't have more than about \$20 in our pockets. The patrolman was very nice and understanding

but said this is standard procedure.

Well, what to do? It was almost 9:00 - closing time at the library. But we took a chance and called and reached the secretary – who was just leaving. She gave us the phone number of our Zone Leader. He and his wife were just walking in from shopping. They came to provide us transportation home. When they got there and we mentioned the money problem, Elder Pryde (the ZL) pulled out his wallet and reached in the back corner produced a neatly folded one hundred dollar bill – the exact amount we needed when combined with what we had in our wallet. Guess what? I now have a hundred dollar bill folded in the back of *my* wallet!

What a bunch of tender mercies all piled together! We really felt we were blessed that night. Cars. What a pain. We have to have them in our society. But they are a pain to buy, pay for, insure, keep up, and avoid crashing them.

We Love you all. Keep thinking of and praying for your Missionary

parents/grandparents. We surely do trust that the promise made that you would all be blessed by our service makes up for how much we miss spending time with you. SO—REMEMBER GRANDMA & GRANDPA—they love you TONS!

## Piersons

Hi, everyone! We are all doing well. Our excitement right now is track meets. Steve, Jared, and I (and sometimes Christie and Riley) pack our chairs, blankets, and snacks and sit for hours in the stands so we can watch Cory run for a few seconds! We do enjoy watching the other races and field events, but it is a lot of sitting.

One meet last week we got snowed on the whole time! That was pretty miserable, but the next day was better. Cory is doing well –

Fri. he broke both of the school records that he had already broken in the 110m and 300m High Hurdles. The record he broke for the 110m hurdle was set back in 1975, so it was fun for Cory to beat that time. He has had his first scholarship offer, so we'll see!!

Jenny is doing great in Salt Lake City. She had a job offer here in Utah Valley but turned it down because she really loves where she is. She has some great friends at her work, and

enjoys what she is doing. She will be taking the Physical Therapy Assistant State License test in May, so she is studying for that. She also plans on taking a class at U of U this summer.

Christie, Dave, and Riley are doing well. With all this nice weather, Dave has already been busy with landscaping jobs. Riley is walking well and follows us all over the house. When Steve or Cory isn't here, he walks back into their rooms calling

and looking for them.

He is going the rounds with ear infections right now – poor guy, but he is mostly very healthy and we sure love having him live so close!

I am busy working on a quilt for Cory for graduation. So weird that his graduation is almost here! I am also trying to figure out the PAF Family History program so I can do some of our family genealogy. Steve stays busy working. We love you all!!

## Burnetts

Kelly has been busy with her new calling as stake young women athletic director. She likes to play sports so she's been enthusiastic about getting things organize. She put on a basketball tournament for the girls in March and is working hard on a futsal tournament for young and not so young women! Futsal is like indoor soccer but played in a gym. She's excited about that.

Our ward basketball team (men's) went undefeated in stake

play and then went on to win the region tournament and then the area tournament. I wish I could say I contributed a lot, but I didn't! We have 3 younger men in our ward who are very good and they pretty much took care of things!

Tanner, Thayne and Landon are back into outdoor soccer. In Landon's game this last Saturday the other team didn't have enough kids so we gave them one of our kids each quarter. When Landon played

with them he scored 3 goals and then when he came back on our team he scored 4 goals! One other boy scored 1 goal so it was a 4-4 tie but our kids scored all the goals!

Kelly's sister Marlene flew down from Canada to spend conference weekend. The two of them went to the Sunday afternoon session. It was fun to have her here to visit for a few days.

## Family Reunion 2007

Mark your calendar for this year's Family Reunion. We will be going to the Dye's cabin in Scofield, Utah. It's a little over an hour from Laura and Greg's house. Jeremy's Welcome Home is on Sunday, July 8. The reunion will start the morning of Monday the 9<sup>th</sup> and end the morning of Thursday the 12<sup>th</sup>. If you have ideas for activities, call Laura or Leslie. Let us know if these meal assignments don't work. We will send this

and the cousin gift exchange out again as it gets closer.

Lana and Loreen are doing the Humanitarian Project. We are planning to haul firewood to the cabin for the Dyes and buy a permanent picnic table. We are also looking into doing a project for Primary Children's Hospital.

We hope everyone can make it and look forward to another GREAT reunion!!

Mon.  
Lunch Loreen  
Dinner Lisa

Tues.  
B-fast Laura  
Lunch Lawson  
Dinner Larry

Wed.  
B-fast Loreen & Lawson  
Lunch Lana  
Dinner Leslie

Thurs.  
B-fast Leftovers