# Happy Happenings

#### Coons

Hello, Family! May was a very eventful month. Todd and Brittney went to 6th grade Science Camp for three days. They had fun climbing a 60 foot rock wall (picture), hiking and lots of other great activities. Brittney had several music performances with the oboe and the piano and did a very nice job. She won several awards for her hard work in piano. For Brittney's 12th birthday we went miniature golfing.

Aubrey had her "just for fun" friend party. Hannah was in a 4th grade musical. Todd and Caleb went on the Father and Son's outing. Brittney and Hannah were in the Science Fair. Brittney and her friend, Katie Sacha, made recycled paper. Hannah and her friend, Sarah Melcher, did a coin catapult.

Mom came for Katelyn's graduation and we enjoyed having her here for a few days. We had a picnic at the new park they put in here close to our house. We enjoyed soaking our feet in the waterfall and just hanging out (picture). While she was here we went to Aubrey's Kindergarten graduation, Katelyn's High School graduation, and an Activity Day pool party.



Mom had prepared some names of relatives that have not yet had their temple work done so that Brittney could do baptisms and confirmations for the dead. Larry and Jill joined us and we had a wonderful time performing those ordinances in the Mesa Temple (picture).

We have been getting tons of food from our garden and we love it (picture)!

It is June now and we have enjoyed our first couple of weeks of summer vacation. Brittney is on Swim Team every morning at 6:30 with



swim meets on Saturdays. We have summer movie passes so we go to the movie on Tuesdays. We are doing fieldtrips with friends on Wednesdays. Last week we went to Se-



dona (4 moms and 17 kids) and went on a great hike. We crossed over a stream several times and stopped to play in the water for an hour or two. This week we will be going to a children's art museum in Mesa.

We went to Greer for a weekend camping trip. We caught 7 fish and ate 5 of them. We also enjoyed hiking and relaxing. It's so pretty up there and we loved it.

Brittney is going to girl's camp this week. It will be fun for her!

We sure love you all and look forward to seeing you at the reunion next month.





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#### White

Hi Family,

May was a great month for us! Thanks to all of you for the wonderful events we were involved in! Graduations (Seminary, High School, Kindergarten), track meet, Temple baptisms, Mission farewell, visit to sweet Amberly's grave. I think May will go down in my

memory book for another reason: I was able to visit with **every one** of my kids and most of my grand-kids! Thank you all for that! It means so much. Serving a mission is wonderful but can be a little stressful when you know you need to miss important family events. This time I was blessed! I may not always be able to be there but I was this time!

Our mission continues to be

good. We learn (and relearn) lots of stuff. We're able to help more than we were but still feel frustrated and 'freeze up' when someone says "Could you please help me find my 4th Great Grandfather in Ireland?" We're not giving up though!

We also continue to work on our own family history—well, really on YOURS too! It's very interesting and can be addictive! I even helped find one of your Burnett relatives. I think the problem of "Etter" in the picture has been solved. (Ask Lisa or Loreen if you didn't understand that last statement)

We surely do love all of you and are looking forward to the Family Reunion. We still have to get permission to be there but we think we'll be able to!

#### Sorensens

We are having a good summer. The kids are enjoying not having to go to school. They are busy with chores, riding their horses and playing. We started our Kids' Rodeo and had about 50 kids participate in the first one. Everything went well. Jaxon bought himself a motorcycle and really thinks that is living. We are trying to sand and refinish our log beds. We should be moving into the ranch house on the 20<sup>th</sup> but we aren't holding our breath. See you all in July.

## **Dyes**

Jeremy comes home June 29. He'll be speaking in church July 8<sup>th</sup> at 11am (block starts at 11am). Plan on lunch at the Dye's after sacrament meeting (around 12pm).

Anthony got his plate and 8 of 9 screws taken out of his left collar bone. 1 screw was too embedded in the bone to take out so it will be part of him forever.

Ondy in in marching band again and loving it.

Zack is playing tennis with a city league this summer.

#### **Burnetts**

Kids soccer season ended recently but Tanner and Thayne are involved in their new teams getting ready for summer tournaments and the upcoming fall season. Meg is signed up to start playing next year. We'll see how that goes!

Tanner signed up for a guitar class in junior high next year. He's looking forward to that and tries to use my guitar to practice now.

We've been up to the Summit a few times this spring. One trip wasn't so fun because we discovered the dishwasher was leaking and most of the carpet was soaked. I used a wet/dry vacuum and sucked up about 5 gallons of water!

We had a fun father and

sons campout. We went to Fort Buenaventura which is in Ogden pretty close to home. We fished, played baseball and had a good time.

We decided we were finally to the point where we were spending about as much money maintaining our old van as payments on a newer one would cost so we bought a new (used) van. It's a 2006 Dodge Grand Caravan. The kids like the DVD player!

Cason participated in the 800 meter race in the district track tournament. His track coach thinks he should get into cross country but he doesn't think it sounds very fun!

Cason, Tanner and I had a good time participating in a Boy Scout Jamborall our council sponsored last month. It was to commemorate 100 years of scouting. It was at the Weber County Fair-grounds and there were about 15,000 people there. It was well organized and a lot of fun.

We're sad that Talon, our Cockatiel, died. She was a fun bird and we had her for 12 years.

We spent Memorial Day weekend at the Summit with several families and friends from our ward. The weather was beautiful and we had a great time.

We had a good time performing some baptisms for the dead with Mom and Lynn. Cason, Tanner and I went with them to the Ogden temple and did the baptisms and confirmations.

Tanner finished a football camp this week. He thinks he likes that! When he has to practice every day I'm not sure if he'll feel the same!

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### Family Reunion 2007

Laura will provide paper products – can plan to use dishes at the cabin for some meals. Give Laura \$10 for supplies including paper products, dish soap, laundry soap, etc.

Cooking – planning on 44 people. There are 2 ovens, 2 electric griddles, pots, pans, cooking utensils, gas barbeque grill, big firepit. There are no dutch ovens – let Laura know if you want dutch ovens so she can bring them.

Sleeping – there are clean sheets and pillows/pillow cases. Bring pillows for your kids. There are enough beds for adult couples. Others need to bring air mattresses if wanted. Cabin has about 15 sleeping bags.

Lawson, Laura, Lisa - will bring their own sleeping bags.

Larry, Leslie, Loreen, Lana - can use cabin sleeping bags

Can pitch a few small tents - even pitch tents on a deck. Kids can sleep on floor or out on deck.

Laura and Lawson may bring four wheelers. Parents will need to be willing to watch their kids if they want to use them and accept responsibility in case of damage.

Kelly will plan to bring stuff for a craft for the kids.

Nathan (Greg's brother) will bring his boat up if we're willing to pay for his gas (gas for the boat and for his vehicle to get there). Probably \$20 per family.

#### Service project:

Cutting wood for cabin woodpile. Dyes will have 2 chainsaws there.

Buying a table for cabin (about \$100) – Laura will check at Sam's. Loreen can probably take it up from Springville to the cabin.

Use remaining money for Primary Children's project – plan to assemble craft kits for kids and siblings at hospital to use. Mom, Lisa and Laura – bring sewing machines for rag dolls. Loreen and Lana will buy supplies.

Need to send \$30 per couple (\$10 per older cousin that's not in the gift exchange) to Loreen.

Brings snacks to share.

Bring your own drinks if wanted.

Bring swimming stuff.

Bring your own lawn chairs.

Take fishing stuff if wanted. Non resident fishing licenses for Utah are \$12/day for age 14+ and \$5/year for age 12-14. <a href="http://wildlife.utah.gov/licenses/licenses/licenses/bp">http://wildlife.utah.gov/licenses/

Basketball and volleyball court available.

Can bring wrist rockets, Air Soft guns. Lawson will bring shotguns and clay pigeon gear. If you're interested in this let him know so he can plan on enough stuff.

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#### Meals:

Monday

Lunch Loreen

Dinner Lisa

Tuesday

B-fast Laura

Lunch Lawson

Dinner Larry

Wednesday

B-fast Loreen & Lawson

Lunch Lana

Dinner Leslie

Thursday

B-fast Leftovers

## Christmas Gift Exchange:

Giver	Receiver
Brianna	Broox
Anthony	Thayne
Ondy	Dixon
Zachary	Jaxon
Cason	Brianna
Tanner	Riley
Thayne	Hannah
Landon	Zachary
Meg	Ondylyn
Brittney	Rix
Hannah	Landon
Aubrey	Tanner
Caleb	Meg
Jaxon	Brittney
Jancy	Anthony
Broox	Cason
Dixon	Aubrey
Rix	Caleb
Riley	Jancy