



Happy Happenings

May 2000

83rd Edition



The Utah Burnetts:

Cason is enjoying track. He's running the 800 and 1600 (mile). There's usually quite a pack of boys running; maybe 15 or 20 kids. Cason does pretty well and finishes around the middle of the pack. We're glad he's doing it and seems to be enjoying himself.

Tanner is very busy with his competitive soccer team. Thayne and Landon are also enjoying their soccer teams. Kelly and I started another indoor soccer season on a co-ed team.

We spent a couple of nights in a condo in Park City. Kelly signed up for a thing where you listen to their sales pitch and stay a couple of nights. We were a little crowded with all 7 of us in the condo they put us in, but we all had a good time. Cason and I were able to leave there and get one last ski day in with some other friends.

Kelly is in charge of the Young Women's camp this year. They did a spaghetti dinner fund-raiser and talent show. It went really well and Kelly's glad it's over! Landon did a 'hip hop' dance with some other boys in the talent show. It was very funny!

We've enjoyed the nice weather. Spring is my favorite time of year. I love it when it's not too hot and everything is green and alive. It's been good to get out in the garden and get that ready.

The Sorensens:



Well, like I've said before, for people who don't like to be busy, we seem to stay way too busy. April was a good month. It started with us still at Primary Children's with Rix. Things went really well and we were able to go home after 4 days - amazing for what he had been through! He is doing so well and acts like a perfectly normal baby. His incision has healed really well, but it can't help but draw all sorts of attention to his little head. Thanks to all of you for your help and prayers. We feel truly blessed that he is doing so well. Here is a picture of Rix and Grandpa.

Jaxon had his tenth birthday. He had three friends over and they shot guns and hunted candy-filled eggs. After they ate the candy, they filled them with dirt and turned them into bombs and acted just like ten-year-old boys.

For Easter we took the kids Easter Egg Hunting in town. We got there just as they said, "Go." So the kids jumped out of the van and got what they could which was plenty.

Aaron has been really busy with farming and the cows and branding calves. We added to his busy-ness by adding our own 100 cows and 35 acres to get ready and plant. So we haven't seen too much of him.

To end off our month, we had Dixon's tonsils out. It wasn't very good timing with everything else going on, but when the doctor looked at him and heard him try to breathe and we had to watch the poor guy try to sleep, we decided they needed to come out. Mom and Lynn saved me once again. Mom came to Casper (2 hours away) with Dixon, Rix, and I to get the tonsils out. We had to go to Casper because that was the closest Ear, Nose, and Throat Doctor who we felt confident could do the job. Lynn stayed home and played "Me" driving the truck for Aaron while he fed the cows, helping to irrigate, getting the kids to the bus, scouts, and dance, cooking dinner, and he even hung some pictures for me on the wall, mopped the floor, and lots of other good stuff. Mom was a lifesaver in Casper, helping with Rix when I was with Dixon. But we got to go shopping, stay in a cheap hotel, and go out to dinner. Thanks, Mom and Lynn!

Dixon did amazing. They showed us the tonsils and the only thing I can think to compare them to is one of those big gum balls you get out of a machine. They were huge! He has been in pain, but has been a really good sport.

We are planning on blessing Rix on May 14th, which we know is Mother's Day. But we have Pot Luck every second Sunday so this way I won't have to plan so much food. Anyone who wants to come is more than welcome, but we know it's a busy weekend for everyone. Let me know if you're planning to come.



We take Rix back to Utah on May 16th for a check-up, and the kids have a rodeo in Ogden that night. The kids get out of school for the summer on the 25th so we are planning on going to the Summit and to be in Garland on Memorial Day to put flowers on Amberly's grave.

Here is a picture of us having a great time together at home. That's about it. We hope everyone is doing well.



The Dyes:

"We are all alive and well."

- - Laura Dye

Hey dogs! This is Anthony, I'm writing the newsletter this time because Loreen nominated Ondylyn to do it, and Ondylyn types too slowly.... And, because I need this computer to do the trailer for my wicked awesome movie that I am making for school.

Papa G has been doing pretty well. He has been collecting foreign and exotic coins from all around the world. His mood has been better and better as the national puzzle convention draws nearer and nearer. Work has kept him busy, but it's okay, because they pay him well. He is still in the scouting business and seems to love selling those scouts...I mean, loves helping them make bird feeders, and pinewood derbies. It's nice for him to have an excuse to play in his workshop.

Laura works at a floral shop once a week for six hours, to preserve and enhance her mad flower skills. She is also exuberant with the upcoming trip to Boston, but in my opinion, she's only looking forward to travel, she doesn't care about puzzles. She is still in the primary program, and loves to plan the singing time props with Lisa. Every week while I am scrubbing bathroom floors, there is about a dustpan full of mom's hair. We are counting down the days until we can use her head for a mirror. (She asked me not to put that in because you would all think that she had cancer. Don't worry, this is the norm.)

Jeremy has a new companion. Those two are on fire! They are making and breaking records made by past missionaries. Jeremy will be turning twenty on May 21. Everyone send him a card for his birthday, his address is:

Elder Jeremy Brooks Dye

Brazil Belo Horizonte Mission

POB 30150

Salt Lake City UT 84130-0150

(But nobody tell him that we asked you to send a card. Pretend like you remembered it yourself)

I'll skip mine and go to Ondy's, and then have Ondy write mine.

Ondylyn is an amazing person. She is probably 70% cooler now because she is trying out for drum line. (I'll take the credit for that) She is doing amazingly well, for having never touched a drum before a couple weeks ago. She is doing well in school and she is going to have a piano recital Saturday, but she doesn't want you there, because she will just get nervous and screw up, and then people will laugh, and she will probably cry, and she doesn't like crying.

Intermission

Oh yeah, over spring break we went to Moab with the Corey Dye family. I went so that I could film my movie, and one of the actors decided he wanted to go home and spend some time with his girlfriend when he had already told me he would be in the movie (lame huh?). Fortunately my cousin Dallin, after much peer pressure and threats, agreed to play the part. We got some wicked hikes, tans, cliff jumping, jeeping, hacki sacking, (say that 5 times fast) swimming, filming, eating, and I finally got to try some sand boarding. Then on the way home, because of car arrangements, and me having to stay later than the rest of my family, I ended up riding the four-hour trip in a topless, door less, jeep with my cousin Braden. At first the ride was going pretty well, until we started burning alive under the sun. We finally got into a canyon where there was some shade, which felt nice until about ten minutes later when there was snow on the ground, and I happen to be allergic to the cold. On top of all that we were going deaf, partly from the noise of the wind and passing



The Dyes, cont.:

by cars, and partly because of the music we had going, in our attempts to drown out the wind. You think that's bad? It is, but I'm about to tell you some more. The jeep tops out at about 65...Have you ever tried passing someone on the freeway while going 65 miles per hour? It takes about 5 minutes, and that 5 minutes seems real long when you see a car coming toward you while you are in their lane. Oh yeah, and every diesel we passed sucked us about three feet into their lane, which isn't a problem, except when there are cars riding the diesel's bumper. Anyway, good story huh?

Intermission is over!

Zachary is short. And skinny, but he's happy because he hit his growth spurt and is a towering 4' 7". Yeah. But on the up side, he is starting to take after his brother and have some wicked awesome hair. (We are talking about Anthony) He likes studying birds, and making bird feeders, but ironically he also like shooting them with his wrist rocket (but not the ones on HIS bird feeder). He is just as random and funny as always, and has discovered that he can fit 5 tennis balls and eight golf balls, and binoculars, and scissors, and a binocular case (in the other one) in his two front pockets. Ever since then he has been going around the house seeing what else will fit in there. He has also discovered that he is psychic. He demonstrated this power one day when he walked in the door, turned to Ondylyn, and said "You know, you're hungry" and abruptly left. Ondylyn turned to me and said, "I actually kind of am!" He's as entertaining as ever.

Cya,
Anthony

It's Ondy here. Anthony wanted me to write about him so you that you could get the same information without him sounding stuck up. He's doing great in drum line. We have tryouts tomorrow but he's not nervous at all because he's like the best person there and they won't kick him off any time soon. They know they need him. He had thirteen concerts in two weeks. In two of the concerts he was sight reading his parts and in one he was making it up as he went, cool huh? That's my bro for you. He is extremely good at making movies now and is exceeding expediently in school. (His very words) and loves you all. And you should love him too. (But nobody tell him I told you to love him. Just pretend like you remembered on your own)
You're all crazy cool! see ya

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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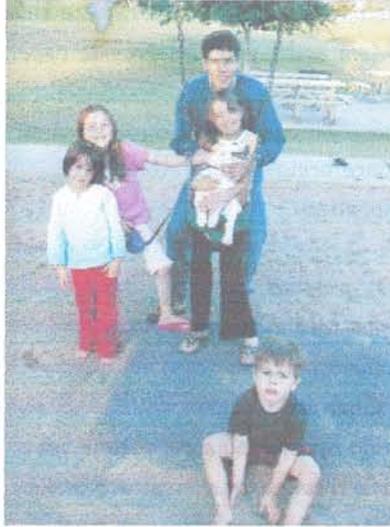
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30 Amy



The Coons:

Well, we got our puppy!! Her name is Taffeta (like the fabric) and we call her Taffy (like the candy). She couldn't be any cuter! She is 12 weeks old and is a yellow labrador. She has really light, soft fur. We have had a lot of fun with her at home and we even took her to the park. It's fun to see her discover new things and one of the cutest things about her



is how much she likes us. She just lives to be around us and is so happy when people go out and play with her. She doesn't wander off, just sleeps by the back door waiting for someone to come play. She is learning to "sit" and "stay" before she gets her food. She will kind of fetch and will follow us around the yard. So we really love her and are so glad to have her. We won't talk about poop or being woken up in the night or anything like that because she is just so cute.

We got our acre fenced and put in a block wall and gates up front so that has been a big deal for us. We also had the popcorn taken off our living room ceiling and we painted it so that is an improvement.

Our friends, Jason and Jacinta Wallace, came to visit with their four children. We loved having them here and it was so nice of them to make the long trip. We went to the Easter Pageant at the Mesa Temple with them and that was a great experience for all of us. It is about the life of Christ with an emphasis on the resurrection. It's the largest annual outdoor pageant in the world! They have 10,000 chairs set up and the night we went all the chairs were full and there were thousands more on the lawn and bleachers. While the Wallaces were here we went swimming twice, they did a session at the temple, and we had fun playing here and picking citrus fruit, etc.

We had our yearly Family Foot Rodeo activity in our ward. We had a blast doing fun games like a chicken chase (Brittney got pecked by a rooster in the mouth!), wheelbarrow races, egg tosses, etc. There were game booths and pony rides and snow cones for the kids. They had a great Bar-B-Que dinner. I ran the cotton candy machine for awhile like I did last year. But there was something wrong with it this year and the cotton candy was flying everywhere. I did as much as I could but I got covered and sticky and finally gave up. We took our friends, the Rosens, and we all had fun.

We love you all very much.



Reunion update:

If you haven't sent Mom your \$45 campground fee, please do that ASAP.

Make sure to bring sunscreen and bug spray! You'll need them both.

Humanitarian Aid: Lisa and Kelly are going to have 40 school bags to fill with the items Kelly listed in last month's newsletter. If you find those items on sale, buy enough for 40 bags and call Kelly so she can keep track. Let her know the cost and we will all try to spend about \$30 for each couple. If you don't buy anything, just get your \$30 to her and she will buy the supplies as it gets closer. Then we will assemble the kids together at the reunion.

Here is the schedule for meal assignments. We just decided to make meal assignments instead of calling everyone. So if this doesn't work for you, call Lana right away and let her know so she can make a change. Plan to feed about 45 people. Those with lunches will most likely need to feed people away from the camp (have people make sack lunches or something). Those with dinners will need to be flexible because we may be out sight-seeing or something at odd hours. We'll just do the best we can to help each other out and be patient about the food thing. Like we said before, we have no way of refrigerating leftovers so please try to plan quantities accordingly as much as possible (we realize this is hard). Then if everyone brings lots of snacks to share, I'm sure we will all survive. Mom and Lynn will provide paper goods.

<u>Wed.</u> Dinner	Pierson's
<u>Thurs.</u> Bfast	Burnetts (Lawson & Kelly)
Lunch	Wilsons
Dinner	Dyes
<u>Fri.</u> Bfast	Sorensens
Lunch	Coons
Dinner	Burnetts (Larry & Jill)
<u>Sat.</u> Bfast	Coons & Sorensens

Lawson, Mom & Lynn are bringing the following cooking utensils and supplies:

- Peper Goods
- Dutch Ovens & griddles
- Cooking utensils, Mixing bowls
- Salt, Pepper, Cooking Spray
- Fire starters, Charcoal

If you want them to bring something else, please let them know. Try to think through your meal and make sure you bring what you need to cook for your meal if it isn't on this list.

Here are some Pierson pictures. (Top) Cory in a Track meet. (Left) Christie, Dave, Riley, Lisa & Steve. (Right) Four generations - Mom, Lisa, Christie & Jenny, Riley.



Hi from Mom and Lynn

Happy Spring! It's sure good to feel the warmth and know that soon we'll be complaining that we're hot! But it's a little scary to think that summer (my favorite time of the year) will go so quickly. AND we're still planning on another mission in the fall. So, my motto: slow down and enjoy the here and now.

April was another interesting month—filled with more hospital visits and travel.

Lana, Lynn and I really missed out on conference because we were at Primary Children's with Rix, so I've been watching it via the internet! Great conference. And Rix is doing so well! It was truly a miracle to see what they could do with his little head. And we have the CT scan to prove it! We have so much to be grateful for. Thanks family, for supporting your sister in prayer and service. It means a lot to parents to see their children pull together!

Grandpa and I were able to perform a little service for Amy Sue. She called pretty late Tuesday April 18 and said "Grandma, my tummy really hurts." When we tried to get down to what might be causing it, she decided that it was getting better and she'd be ok. I called her after about 20 minutes and she was preparing to go to sleep. So I thought she might just have a virus or something. I called the next morning and she was still asleep but when she woke up she knew all was not well inside. So Lynn and I took her to urgent care and then to the hospital and by 5:30 p.m. April 19—she had NO APPENDIX! What a trooper. She never did really complain. She spent that night in the hospital and then a day and a night with us and then she was back in the groove—took a final on Friday. We were so glad to be close and able to help!

Then came Dixon's tonsils. Maybe some of you have never heard Dixon breathe when he's trying to sleep. Just take it from me he had a struggle! He'd almost stop breathing and then kinda choke as he gasped for breath. Over and over! So—the decision was—even though he's so young—get them out! So Grandpa and I were able to help there too!

One small thing happened which almost turned out not to "help". We arrived on Sunday, April 23 so that we could help Lana plant the garden. BUT, on Monday morning there was snow everywhere. So, we decided to make a trip into town. Lana sat in the back with the kids, Grandpa drove and I rode shotgun. That is, until we started hydroplaning (or snowplowing), fish-tailing and spinning out! We thought for sure we were going to roll the car. Grandpa was great and handled it so well. (Better than I—I reverted to my protestant self and was crying out to Heavenly Father to help us. Well, HE DID! So, what's wrong with praying in a pinch?) After the last doughnut, and when we came to a stop (heading in the opposite direction to town), I insisted that Lana drive. After all, I told her, "It's your kids and your car."

The biggest thing in our lives right now is our Family History Consultant calling. We've been called to work in the Lehi Family History Center and we've begun to teach a Sunday School class. I wondered if anyone would come since it's all purely volunteer. But we had about 15 the first Sunday and an additional 10 the next! AND 19 people came to our house Sunday night for the "lab" on how to organize your genealogy paper files. I'll start teaching PAF May 21. It's very time consuming and I have to study lots! But I love it!

Right now I'm in Arizona visiting everyone. Aubrey, especially, is sure missing Grandpa, since he stayed home to teach the FH class and meet me in Idaho. It's amazing that we have two grandchildren graduating from college! Bachelor's degrees! But there was a little conflict. Tiffany gets her degree Friday at 8:00 am and Rich (in Moscow Idaho) gets his Saturday! So I flew to Arizona to be with Tiff, Lynn will drive to Spokane and pick me up at the airport in time to be with Rich. Isn't it GREAT! We love it. And we love you all!