



Happy Happenings

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The Sorensens

August has been a good month. It started with Jaxon taking Jim, his steer, to the County Fair. We took him in Monday morning and then had to go every night and morning to feed him. Tuesday they went in early to weigh him (he weighed 1,415 pounds) and ultra sounded him for a carcass contest. Friday was the big show day. We were all a little nervous, but it went well. Jaxon did a showmanship contest where they judge the kids on how well they show the animals. Jaxon took first in the 9-year-old class. Then we had to wait awhile for Jaxon to show Jim. They divided the over 100 steers into classes according to their hip height. Jaxon took third in his class of about eight other steers. We were quite pleased because he was just a steer we picked from the ranch herd and lots of people spend lots of money buying fancy show steers. So we were glad his home-raised project did so well. Then Saturday was the big auction where they sold all the animals from the fair. Jaxon sold Jim for \$2.75 a pound which figures out to be quite a bit of money. He was a little sad to see Jim go, and pretty worn out, but overall he really liked the project and wants to do it again next year (and is trying to talk Jancy into doing it, too).

Mom and Lynn came for a visit. We went to Rock Creek to host for our stake. We helped the missionaries show people around. We didn't do much hosting, but we cooked a good dutch oven dinner. We went swimming for Amberly's birthday. Then Mom and Lynn watched our kids so Aaron and I could go out to dinner for my birthday and our anniversary. We stayed overnight at a new hotel in town. It was the first time we've done that since we got married. It was kind of nice to have a break from the kids.

Broox had his tonsils and adenoids out. Poor guy had a pretty rough week of it, but is better now and hopefully he won't get so sick so much.

Jaxon and Jancy spent a week with Aaron's mom. They thought that was pretty fun. His mom was going to bring them home and watch them in a couple of rodeos here, but Darcy got hit in the eye with a breakaway rope at a rodeo the night before they were going to come home. So Aaron's sister, Patty, brought the kids halfway home and we picked them up. Darcy has a torn retina and will have laser surgery tomorrow so hopefully that will go well.

The kids finished out the summer well in their rodeos. There was one in Shoshoni that has been once a week. Jancy got a nice buckle for first overall in barrels. She got first in poled also but gave that buckle to the runner-up. She got second in the fun events. Jaxon got fourth in barrels and poles and won a buckle for getting first in his fun events. They went to a one day kids' rodeo and did well. Jaxon won \$40 and some nice prizes. Jancy won \$80 and some nice prizes. They gave one overall buckle for the kid who had the most points in all the age groups and Jancy won it.

The kids started school on the 23rd and are really enjoying it. It's nice to be back on somewhat of a schedule. Broox is going to do Preschool at the school 1 or 2 days a week. We stay to do recess and lunch with Jaxon and Jancy.

Jancy is looking forward to her baptism on Sept. 25. We hope anybody who can make it will come. Just let us know.



The Dye Family

Here's a picture from our trip to Finland, Estonia and St. Petersburg. Greg picked up 150 new puzzles at the puzzle party in Helsinki. Laura loved the medieval city of Tallinn. Greg and Laura enjoyed celebrating their 20th anniversary (actually on August 23) by spending a week visiting the palaces of St. Petersburg. The kids are getting



adjusted to being

back in school. Anthony wanted to report that he is still loving drum-line. Sorry about the short letter but at least we got something in this time. We are spending the weekend in Scofield so time is running out to submit this for the newsletter.

Jeremy completed his training at the MTC and has gone to his first area. We'll give you more information when we get it.

We need to decide when and where to have the family reunion in 2006 and who will be in charge of what. Let's get some input!! I'm thinking that Yellowstone would be fun for all ages.

Other ideas:

Wyoming -- Church History sites like Rock Creek, Devil's Gate, Martin's Cove, Sixth Crossing, Rocky Ridge
Grand Canyon



Hello from The Coons.

Our last newsletter entry was for the month of May so I'll give a brief re-cap of the summer here.

Brittney and Hannah had their first ever tumbling class. They found that they have a lot to learn, but are trying to practice their new skills. Aubrey had a class at the same time where she made several musical instruments. Everyone did three swimming classes this year so each child progressed. Brittney passed her level and took a diving class where she learned the front dive, back dive, and front flip. Hannah learned to swim much better and passed her level. Aubrey finally got to where she will put her head under and move her arms and legs so she can "swim" now, too. Caleb and I did a parent/tot class together which was a blast.

Brittney got to go to the "Take a child to work" day with Todd. She got a free digital camera (not super high quality but very fun for her!) and other prizes and had lots of fun.

We finished getting our basics for our year's supply, which we are very happy about.

Our trip to Utah was about 2 1/2 weeks. The kids and I took Leslie and Brianna with us (Todd went with Greg the next week). It was so nice to be at Jeremy's "farewell." We spent a day at Lagoon with the Sorensens and Mom. Then we spent a few days at the Sorensen's house in Wyoming. The weather was beautiful, the food was delicious, and the kids got along so well. They practically moved into the blue house, moved the furniture around, watched movies, played, and even tried to sleep there. The Sorensens have 5 baby kittens and the kids took the stuff out of the drawers and made each kitten a little home with a pillow, food, water, etc. Lana and I worked in the garden, rearranged the back room, worked on food storage, and just enjoyed being together. Hannah had her 8th birthday while we were there.

The family reunion was fantastic. Then we stayed a couple of days at Cody's. Aubrey sprained her wrist and had to get a little splint. We stayed at Dad's for a couple of days, then came home.

Hannah was baptized on July 18th. It was nice to have Mom & Lynn, Dad & Connie, the Burnetts, the Wilsons, Todd's parents, and Tracy's family there with us. It was a very nice experience for Hannah and all of us.

Hannah and Brittney started school on August 10th. This is Brittney's first year playing the flute. She also got into the advanced math class so she basically skipped 5th grade math. She's working hard to do well. I am teaching Aubrey to read and Caleb is learning quite a bit in the process.

We are planting our fall garden and hoping for a good harvest in Oct./ Nov. We love you all.

*a Merry heart
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a cheerful
countenance...*
Prov. 15:13

Hello from the Arizona Burnett Family. We are doing well, back from vacations, back in school, and back to work. We spend a week in San Diego since we last saw you all, mixing business and pleasure. The bride and groom for one of the weddings we did wanted to get married in the San Diego temple - so we decided it would be a good time to go there with them. The pictures, video, and wedding turned out great. We took some pictures at the temple that turned out very well, then took them to La Jolla cove, those turned out spectacular. We caught the sunset just perfectly in the background. We were able to do some baptisms for the dead with the girls while there, which was really fun for all of us.



There is a lot to talk about this time. After 21 years with Banner Health, I have been offered, and taken another job. I will likely stay on at Banner in some very part time capacity, just to keep my seniority - but my new job is with a company called Premier. This company is a GPO (Group Purchasing Organization), the largest in the country, and their job is to serve as a clearing house for thousands of hospitals for their supplies. All supplies, from band-aids to pacemakers come through this company. Banner has been a member of Premier for many years, and I have worked closely with this company for quite some time. I served as a member of the National Cardiovascular committee for the past 3 years, and for the last year have chaired the committee. I started investigating this opportunity about 2 1/2 months ago, and went through over 20 hours of interviews before I decided this was what I wanted to do.



The position is a Senior Cardiovascular Consultant, and my new job will be to advise hospitals on their supply management, equipment purchases, and program development in the area of cardiovascular medicine. My past experiences will situate me perfectly to do this job. There are many advantages for me - it is a home based job for one, 5-6 days of travel per month (which is what I do now most months), no on call, and much less stress. We get to keep our miles and hotel points, which will allow us a couple of free trips per year. I think I have carried a pager off and on now for almost 20 years. It is pretty sad around the hospital now - I have a very good relationship with the people that I work with, and will miss them. I have had a pretty strong feelings for quite some time now that it is time to change, and this job seems perfect. We will see what the future brings.

Jill is back at work at Keller school, and serving in the Young Women organization with the Laurels. We are practicing for Road Shows now, and will have them in another 5 weeks.

Tiffany is a senior at ASU, still majoring in math. Her social life has become quite active, and she is having a good time attending a single adult ward here in the stake.

Heather has started college as well. She received a scholarship to Chandler/Gilbert here in Arizona, and is taking her first classes this semester. She just bought a new car - a 2005 Mazda 3, quite a cool little car.

Katelyn is swimming this year, and has her first meet this week. She has a great group of friends that we enjoy being around. They come over all the time, and spend each Sunday night with us. We have a regular group of about 15, sometimes more, and Jill always makes them a snack of some kind to keep them fed.

The Wedding photograph/video business continues to expand. Our plan is to develop this over the next 2-3 years to see where it takes us. We have a marketing person now helping us, and are in the process of developing our business plan, incorporating our business, and choosing our attorney and accountant. My partner and I are having a great time, and our families are enjoying helping as well. Heather did video and photographs for her first wedding last week and did a great job - she is a natural. We have invested about \$9,000 in the business so far, are just getting ready to spend another \$6,000, and over the next few years will need to spend a lot more. Technology is quite expensive to get good equipment.

We were glad to spend some time with you all this summer, and look forward to the next time together.

Hi Family,

The people in our neighborhood refer to us as the “world travelers.” We know, of course that we travel over a very small part of the world but, as we look at our calendar we admit that we *really haven't been here much*. In fact, during August we only spent 8 nights here, which follows the pattern of 7 in July, who knows in June and 15 in May. And to add to it, of the 8 *nights* we were here in August, 5 of the *days* were spent at an intensive Family History class in Provo. (8:00 am to 6:00 pm.) Whew! But, we've enjoyed every bit of it.



We had a great 2 weeks with the Dye kids (and Jeff). We ate lots of ice cream and popcorn as we watched several movies. We went to Amberly's grave on July 20 and cleaned up around her stone. We went to Golden Spike historic site on the way home. We even had a formal meal on Sunday and used a tablecloth and CHINA! We wound up our grandkid-sitting with the Dye children Aug 2nd and immediately packed to go to Riverton.

We were able to be with the Sorensens during a very exciting event! Jaxon entered his steer in the county fair! On Friday, August 4, Jaxon “showed” Jim (the steer)—led him around the arena, had him stop and stand with his feet just so and his head held high while Jaxon scratched his belly with the long rod he carried. Boy, how fun to see such a small boy control a 1500 lb steer. AND, he took 1st place! Then Jim was judged on how well he was “finished”, and he took 3rd. And that was *really good*! On Saturday they auctioned him off and I was enthralled as I listened to a *real* auctioneer! So, Jaxon got *lots* of money! But, he's going to save a big portion for his mission and he has to pay Carney Ranch for the calf, so I don't think he was feeling real rich.



We enjoyed a trip to Rock Creek where the Willie Handcart company was when they were rescued. Lana and Aaron were “hosts” for a day and we went along for the experience (and the food!) Lana fixed a delicious dutch oven meal and we actually had one family come to tour the site. Lynn and I got the feel of what it would be like to haul a bunch of sacks of sugar in our handcart.

We stayed with the kids so Lana and Aaron could go to a hotel and celebrate their anniversary and Lana's birthday. The kids and I baked a cake and wrapped presents and had a surprise party when they got home.

We left right after Lana's party and took Jaxon and Jancy to the Sorensens in Garland. We went on up to the Summit where we “holed up” for the next few days and wrote some on our personal history. We made a worthwhile trip to Springville for Anthony's Eagle Court of Honor. Way to go, Anthony! Back to the Summit and more writing. It was so peaceful to be there. Trouble is, it rained and was chilly. But we loved it.

We came back just in time to begin the Family History Class but escaped and went back up as soon as it was over so we could relax. BUT, we took our Genealogy files and books and handouts and we practiced and practiced and read and read and got all organized, (I hope.) And the weather was a lot better this time.

We love you all. We think about you and pray for you all the time. Love, Mom and Lynn