

The Sorensens:

Hello to everyone. The Sorensen's are all still kicking. The kids have been sick a lot this spring, and that is getting to be no fun, but we are all still here.

I guess most of you know that Aaron took a new job doing pretty much the same thing in his last job. The owners name is Jeff Brown. He is about our age with a wife and two girls. He loves cows and was offered a job to run the livestock auction in town, and would much rather do that than farm, so he talked Aaron in to coming here to run this place. There are about 700 irrigated acres, mostly under pivots, and about 300 cows, which number changes a lot because he is always buying or selling cows. Things have been busy this past month trying to get things ready to irrigate and deal with everything else, but we hope it will be a good thing for our future, and our family. We are in a small house until Jeff gets moved out of his house, which should be by the first of June, and then we will move to their house. We will probably switch the kids to school in Pavillion, but not until next year. It will be closer, and I think it will be nice to have school, and church both in Pavillion, so we aren't going in so many different directions. We built a raised bed for raspberries, and strawberries, and are trying to get the garden spot ready to plant.

We are also busy getting ready to do a kids rodeo this summer. We are going to run it a lot like the Utah Youth rodeos, and try to offer the kids here more rodeo experience than just the barrels and poles. We are doing one a month through the summer. We got two other couples to help run and plan things, and we hope it will be fun for the kids.

I was able to go to Billings, Montana with some of my friends for a Friday night – Saturday Women's Conference. We also went to the temple while we were there. We heard from Michael McLean, **Kenneth Cope (my favorite), Dean Hughes, Sheri Dew, Emily Watts, Mary Ellen Edmunds & more. It was a nice break. Aaron kept all of the kids. I don't think he thought it was a nice break, but he was very willing to let me go.

Other than that everything else is pretty good. We are still planning to come to Utah for Memorial Day and Rix's checkup with his doctors, so maybe we will see some of you.



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May 18	Brittney	May 19	Larry
May 21	Jeremy	May 21	Dixon
May 30	Dad, Grandpa (Lemuel)	May 30	Amy

▶ The Dyes:

Hey Family:

The Dyes are doing well. We've had quite a few parties at our house recently with family, ward, and friends. We went up to our cabin in Scofield for spring break with some friends from the drum line. It was really fun up there. We hiked and played Frisbee, card games, hide and seek, sardines, etc. We also got to know the new drum line better.

I (Ondylyn) tried out for the drum line this year and made it on the second Base drum, which is what I played last year. I'm still playing the piano, violin, and drums, so that takes up quite a bit of my time. The rest of my life is pretty much doing homework and hanging out with friends.

Anthony is too old to be on the drum line this year, but he's still going to help teach and instruct. He's also applied to work for a guy who films movies.

Zac does a lot of bike riding with his friends, but not any more because his bike was stolen last week. It had two expensive unpopable tubes in it, too. Good thing he also likes going to the playground at the elementary school with Anthony so they can practice free running.

My dad is still into puzzles and coins. He is working on a puzzle that he can make and exchange at the puzzle party in Australia this year.

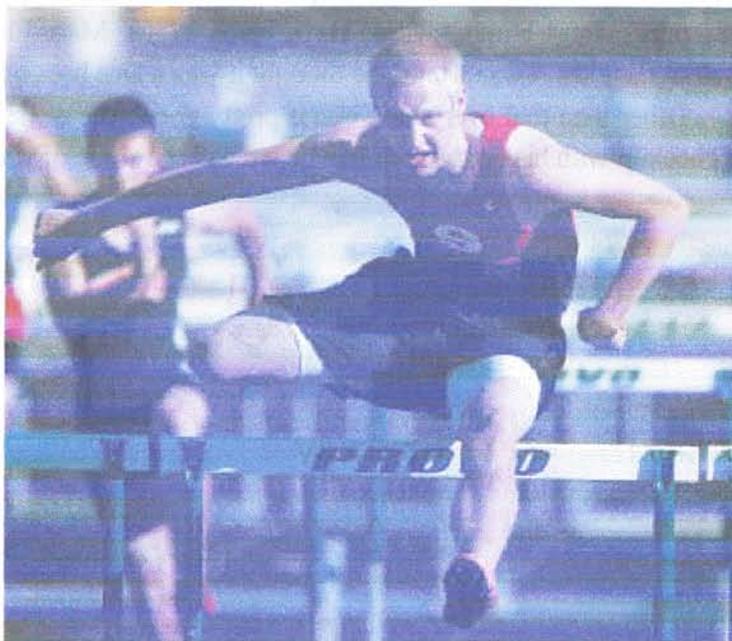
My mom has been doing a lot of flower arrangements and crafts lately. She still enjoys working at Steiner's one day a week. She'll be in the Junior High and High School PTAs next year - no more elementary school for our family.

We've found out who our big April Fool's day prankster was. With Jeremy on a mission we had a mellow April Fool's days last year and an almost non-existent one this year.

Jeremy is still working in the office and is doing great. He just wrote a good talk on attitude and sent us a copy. It has some really great lessons in it.

▶ The Piersons:

Here is a picture of Cory that was in the Deseret News. Way to go, Cory!! Good luck at State!



➤ The Whites:

Hi, we love you all, ya know it?

Lynn wrote a whole wonderful entry for the newsletter and failed to save it. Guess what? It disappeared! Darn computer, ate our article. It happened while I was reviewing pictures taken of us here at our mission, so I have to take blame. Therefore, I get to write the replacement.

We're still doing well. I had a little heart fibrillation this last week and nearly scared Lynn to death. I had run out of my medicine. Bet I won't do that again!

When we first started our mission, Lynn says our weeks seemed like they were at least 12 days long. That has definitely changed. They're now only 3 days long. Time flies when you're having fun and we're definitely having fun!

When we replaced our window wells last fall we made a terrible mess of our flower beds. They've just been sitting there all winter but now that it's spring we feel like we have to do something to beautify them. So, we've hauled in some dirt and mixed it in, bought some landscaping blocks and put them around the window wells to hold back the dirt. Yesterday we had concrete curbing poured around the "new" bed and it looks great. Just a little more dirt, some plants, and it should look pretty good. Les and family have helped a lot and we may have Laura's family help this next weekend. Thanks lots! Now we can get back to being full-time missionaries.

Lots of exciting events coming up! Cory's final track meet. Amy's going to the Temple. Cory and Anthony graduate from Springville High. Aubrey graduates from Kindergarten. Katelyn graduates from Mesa High. Lana and Family come for a visit. Amy has her farewell to Hamburg. We go to Garland to remember Amberly on Memorial Day. Jeremy comes home and has his homecoming. Then the Family Reunion! Wow, how exciting!

We're progressing steadily in our ability to help patrons who come here. And a LOT do come!

When you stop to think how many people are doing family history research on the internet and elsewhere, I'm sure those who come here are only a drop in the bucket.

Well, I say it each newsletter but it's still true! We love our family. We think of you and pray for you. Don't forget us. We're still here. We're doing our best to serve the Lord and still be faithful to our family. Hope we're making it!





The Coons:

Our kids had fun participating in a Track and Field meet put on by the town. Hannah and Aubrey ran the 50M, 100M and did the long jump. Brittney ran the 100M, 200M and did the long jump. We had a lot of fun.

Brittney and Hannah got to go to Academic Night where they received an award for getting all A's for the first three quarters of the school year.

Brittney did a fantastic job at her band concert. She played songs with the Band, the Jazz Band, and an ensemble with two other girls. She is almost 12 and has been enjoying being able to go to some Young Women events to help prepare for Girls' Camp this summer. She is very excited about it.

The art teacher at the school chose one of Hannah's art projects (a mask) to be displayed at an art show at a local furniture store. We all went to see it and really enjoyed being there with Hannah. Hannah has been involved in the Zoology club at school. She and I went to the Phoenix Zoo on the evening of Fri., May 4 for an overnight Zoo camp!! We had dinner, went on a couple of hikes to learn about nocturnal animals, saw some cool animals inside (a hawk, bats, a wallaby, a snake, a tortoise, etc.) and then spent the night. In the morning we had breakfast and saw more of the Zoo. It is such a great zoo and we really enjoyed it. Mostly it was just so fun to be together.

We had a "just for fun" friend party for Aubrey. She had 9 friends over. We gave them rides on the tarp on back of the lawn mower, they drove the electric car until the batteries ran out, they swung on the swings and jumped on the trampoline. We had dinner and did nails and just had a great time. Aubrey finished her reading lessons. We had been working out of a book of 100 lessons and she finished it so we had Rootbeer floats to celebrate. She is reading so well!

Caleb and I were at Story Time at the church last week. The theme was Mother's Day and the lady was trying to get the kids to guess what she was going to be talking about. She asked what the next really important holiday is. Caleb's hand shot up in the air and he yelled, "Father and sons outing!" It was SOOO cute!!

Miscellaneous info.: Our garden and fruit trees are doing really well. The weather has been fantastic and we have been loving it. They opened a new park less than a mile from our house. We got a new sliding door installed.

We got a cell phone. The number is 480-703-3945. We aren't planning to use it very much.

We also got high-speed internet and a new e-mail account. The address is
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