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96th Edition

Happy Happenings

As you all found out at the reunion Aron hasn't really been liking his job. He has started a new job working at a compressor station at an oil field plant about 10 miles from home. We hope this will be a good job. He will work 4 days on and 4 days off so he will have to work some Sundays and he isn't sure he can handle that.

We plan on living in a trailer house on our 40 acres and building a house during his days off. Hopefully this will be a good thing.

The kids could choose whether they wanted to switch schools or not and they all wanted to give the new school a try. They start on the 20th. Broox will be in all-day Kindergarten, Jancy will be in fourth grade and Jaxon will be in sixth grade.

The kids sold their steers at the fair. Jancy sold hers' for \$3600 and Jaxon sold his for \$3200. His weighed 100 pounds less than hers'. It's a good project to have done. Jancy got the stomach flu and in the middle of showing her steer had to leave to throw up. Jaxon's steer got a little wild while he was showing it but Jaxon was able to hold on and handled it well.

We have our last kid rodeo on the 18th of August. That has turned out pretty well. We have about 75 kids in each rodeo.

We love you all!

Aug. 6 Thayne
Aug. 9 Amberly
Aug. 11 Lana
Aug. 15 Caleb
Aug. 22 Jill
Aug. 24 Kelly



Rix and Broox watched Caleb and Landon work on their Legos just as long as they could! Dixon and Kelly in the back.



From Mom and Lynn:

Hey,

This is Lynn - just saying 'Hello' this month. Sure was nice to have most everyone here for a day or two - for Jeremy's welcome home and for the family reunion. What a neat family we've got!!! Thanks, Guys!!

We're working pretty hard at the library. We usually start the day between 6:30 and 7:20 in the morning and quit round 4:30 to 6:00 in the evening. Grandma is learning things quite fast. It sure is taking me a lot longer. I hope by the time we're through that each of us will be able to not only do our own research - but also to be able to help others do theirs. It is a good mission! We're enjoying it! Keep praying for us!

We have gone up to the Summit on a couple or three weekends. We're trying to get the sprinkler system, so it puts a bit more water more evenly on the grass. There have been a couple of sprinkler heads leaking for a couple of years. We're trying to get those fixed. Not done yet.

Jeremy is staying with us right now -- but I hope he will tell about that.

My family (brothers, sisters, David, Gwen, Gaylene & families, cousins and their kids and grandkids and great-grandkids) on the White line, are having a family reunion this weekend to celebrate the hundredth anniversary of the wedding of my grandma and grandpa White. We're gathering at Fairview, Utah (not far from Manti.) It has been a long time since I have seen most (any) of my cousins. It should be a great time for us. We got permission from the Mission President and we're trying to get ready tonight so we can leave right after work tomorrow,

We send our love to you. We really do love each one of you!!

Hi from Grandma! Just wanted to let you know that we took the dolls and kits and things we made for Primary Children's hospital to them on July 20! (the anniversary of Amberly's death) Pretty emotional for me! But it was good that I could tell them that we had made those gifts in memory of sweet little Amberly Clare Sorensen! Now I'm thinking of her on the day before her birthday. I can't believe she would be 8 years old! I sure do love her and pray for her Mom and Dad, her sister and brothers. AND I pray for each of you. We've been VERY prayerful that Greg Wilson can get a suitable job. And soon, if it's God's will.

Love to all of you! Mom and Grandma

Here is a lovely picture of Mom helping with the wood!



(Written by Jeremy)

Well, hello family! Looks like it's my turn this month. Been home from my mission for a whole month now and it appears it's my turn. Yeah, so things are going great with the Dyes. My folks are in Australia now. Well, they should be anyway. Who knows, maybe they got delayed somewhere and haven't arrived yet. But yeah, they're there for the Puzzle Party. Cool, cool. We had the whole sit down, "If we die, the will is in the filing cabinet..." talk. I guess they were kinda stressed out, but we're big kids now, we can take care of ourselves.

Mom is working hard on getting the band trip to California planned out. She was so concerned about it that we (Mom, me, Zac, and Jeff Wilson) went to San Fran to check it out and see the sights as if we were high schoolers. Fun. Yeah, I've been pretty much bored out of my mind for the last few weeks cuz I haven't had anything to do. But I rounded up a job yesterday at a haunted house in Salt Lake so I'm livin' with G-ma and G-pa White for a few weeks 'til school starts. They're so cool to let me do that. I even gave them 7 minutes notice.

Anthony is freaking buff. He's working construction and then he gets home and goes running at night. I guess he's running to and from work on the weekends. No biggie, just 15 miles.

Ondy is like one of those girls that she's walking down the street and all the guys stop to stare at her. You know. Well, maybe I'm exaggerating just a little, and I'm sure she'll give me a sour glare when she reads that, but who cares, it's too late now. It's in writing. She does have lots of friends though. She's in band camp this week so we have 15-20 kids over for lunch every day. It's a blast.

Zac is just as cool as ever. His bunnies had babies... then had babies again, even after separating the parents into separate cages. Explain that one to me. They're multiplying! Zac's gonna start his first day of junior high in a couple weeks. The day before our parents get back. He's a genius.

Yeah, so I've about written a lot now. Not quite a lot yet, but close to kind of maybe sort of a lot. And I'm tired. No more sleeping in 'til after 11 anymore. So I'm gonna have to leave it at that. Have a great day everybody!

Here is a fun picture of Jeremy at the Family Reunion.



Cousin gift exchange
for 2008:

Jeff	Jaxon
Brianna	Dixon
Ondylyn	Rix
Zac	Tanner
Cason	Jeff
Tanner	Broox
Thayne	Caleb
Landon	Jancy
Meguire	Brittney
Brittney	Riley
Hannah	Landon
Aubrey	Thayne
Caleb	Cason
Jaxon	Aubrey
Jancy	Zac
Broox	Ondy
Dixon	Hannah
Rix	Meguire
Riley	Brianna



Hello from the Coons! Since we didn't have a newsletter in July this will be our entry for the whole summer!

This summer we enjoyed going to movies on Tuesday mornings. On Wednesdays we went on field trips with our friends. We went to Sedona on a fun hike, the Children's Art Museum in Mesa, a sprinkler park in Tempe, and the Museum of Natural History in Mesa.

We loved our trip to Utah. Todd spent the first week there with us, then flew home to work. We spent time with Cody's family. She flew Todd parents to Utah and Tracy's family drove up so everyone was there except for Kelly. We went to the 4th of July parade with the Piersons, Dyes and Mom and Lynn, then spent the rest of the day at Cody's.

We are glad Jeremy is home and we really enjoyed his homecoming and visiting with everyone afterwards.

The Family Reunion was fantastic!! Thanks, Lawson, for the picture disc. We have really enjoyed it. Thanks to everyone for all the effort they put into making things so comfortable and fun. A BIG thanks to the Dyes for their hospitality!!



Brittney had a great time at Girl's camp. She was on the swim team for the first time this year. She is loving Young Women's. They went on a water-skiing trip and have had a lot of other fun activities. Brittney took a sewing class and sewed some pajama pants and a bag. She also took a crochet class and made a bag. On Aug. 8 she started Junior High at South Valley. It's amazing to think that we have a Junior High student!! She is a happy girl and has lots of good friends. She will be playing the oboe in band again this year and continuing with piano.

Hannah had her 10th birthday in June. We saw "Ratatouille" and really enjoyed that. Hannah also took the crochet class this summer. She started school at our brand new school "Quartz Hill." Her best friends are in her class (lucky girl) and she likes her teacher. She will be playing the violin in orchestra this year and also playing the piano.

Aubrey started piano lessons this summer and has been loving it. Her lesson book comes with a very cute CD that she plays along with. She and Caleb like listening to it just for fun. She is almost done with the book! She started 1st grade so she is gone all day now. She likes her teacher and has good kids in her class.

Caleb and I are alone all day now. He will start preschool next week so he'll be gone 9-11:30 Mon., Tues., and Wed. Caleb's 5th birthday is next week and all he wants is Legos. He is having a friend party on Saturday.

Todd sprained his foot playing basketball so he didn't run in the 5-K at BYU on July 4th like he had planned. Our garden has done well this year. We are still getting tomatoes, melons and peppers. Todd read the 3rd Harry Potter book for the first time.

Loreen - I have been working with a friend to get the Art Masterpiece program running for the new school. I have been reading some fun books with the girls this summer. Jenny recommended some to us and we have been having fun sharing library books.

This is an entry from the Wilsons that didn't quite make it into the last newsletter (June).

Dear Family,

They say things come in spurts and this last four weeks has definitely been one big spurt for the Wilson family. I got tossed out of the Army, Amy left on a mission, Brianna went to girls' camp and Jeff went to EFY. The later three all happened the same week. I never realized how sheltered I have been for the past 22 years. The economy went through numerous boom and bust cycles and through it all I just kept getting up at 0500 hours, putting on various shades of green and grey going and doing what the Army told me to do. Now I am going through what many of you have gone through filling out dozens of applications, not hearing anything back, wondering what will be coming next. And you know what - I hate it!!!! I just want to get a decent job and start going to work again. I have an interview this Friday with Fidelity Investment to work in the big center they have in SLC. I would spend the first 18 weeks getting my York Stock Exchange license. After that I would be executing stock trades for investors. Hopefully I will have good news by the next newsletter.

Brianna: School ended well, and I'm (cough cough) looking forward to next year. Senior year is supposed to be fun, right? I just had my senior pictures and I'm hoping that nothing in my senior year will be quite that stressful. I just got back from being snowed on at girls camp, but we had fun despite the weather. We all miss Amy but I think we will be able to bear it tolerably well.

Jeff: Hola, mi familia! This be Jeff. Life has been pretty amazing to me lately. I just got back from EFY, like dad said, and that was really coolie-oolie-oolio. I had a ton of fun, and I got to meet a lot of new people, some from Alpine and Highland, two towns that are just like five minutes away from us! Everything was pretty amazingly wonderful, but I won't go into detail because when I wrote my first letter to Amy Sue all about it, it was six pages long! She said before she left that I had to write her a letter all about EFY when I got back, but it would be so long, I would get tired of writing it, but she said I had to go on, anyway. In the end, she was really, really, really, really right. Really right. But it was all good, because I like to tell people about it. So besides that, I have nothing else to add that hasn't already been said, so... K, Bye.

Leslie: Well, the biggest thing that has happened to us lately is getting Amy off on her mission. We spent several weeks shopping for just the right things (extremely important since there are so few things you can take), changing our minds and taking things back and generally obsessing about preparations. Amy loves the sun and the pool so we had to do that "one last time" about 3 times. It was really fun, though. The day we took her to the MTC (or as Jeff and Amy were joking, the "empty sea") was a very bittersweet experience. The weather seemed to understand because it was raining very hard and it was cold and dreary. All three of us cried - me the most - but were happy at the same time. They told us that saying goodbye was like taking off a Band-Aid - the longer you take to do it the more it hurts. Greg remarked at one point that we were really pulling the Band-Aid off really slowly, but I didn't care. I watched her all the way until she walked out the door and she turned around and waved about 4 times. We've had a short letter from her saying that she is very happy and that she had had an opportunity to talk to a couple of Elders who were speaking only German and that she could understand them.

Jeff and Brianna were both gone when Amy left; Jeff to EFY and Brianna to camp. They both have a busy summer planned. Brianna will go to EFY next week and then another camp with our old stake in Arizona in July, and Jeff will go on a high adventure trip to Flaming Gorge with the ward. They are liking it here more and more.

We heard from Rich a couple of weeks ago. He is working hard and spending a lot of time in the field. He is really busy with his duties as Motor officer, Safety officer, Fire Direction officer, and Battery Executive Officer. He said that as soon as he got back from the latest field exercise he would be made a platoon leader without giving up any of his other duties except the XO job, but its good because it is one of those jobs you have to have if you want your next promotion. He said that he didn't know how they had found him, but that he has had a girl from the church begging him to go and as a gift to me, he said he would go to church and a dance. He said the girl is from Australia and very pretty, so maybe he'll go more than once.

We are just waiting and praying for Greg to get a good job that he can enjoy and that can support our family. It is harder than we thought it would be so please pray for us. We are really looking forward to seeing all of you at the Family Reunion!



August entry from the Wilsons:

Dear Family,

It was great to see almost everyone at the family reunion. We really missed those who couldn't come. We really treasure time with the family having spent so many years away. We really like living in Utah and being near family even though it hasn't been easy for us.

As most of you know by now, Greg still doesn't have a job. We still have a lot of faith, though and are sure that Heavenly Father has a plan for us that includes a good job and a home of our own. In the meantime, we are going along and doing what we can. We feel like the biggest part of a trial is how you respond to it, so we are trying to be positive and pull together as a family. I think we are doing really well. Also, as trials go, this is not so bad. We have a nice place to live, (Grandma Wilson's basement,) income, and health care. In addition, we have our health, our knowledge of the gospel and the comfort of knowing that Heavenly Father has a plan for us. Greg is still applying for a lot of jobs and next week he will go to Colorado Springs for a job fair for people with top-secret government clearances. He also helps his dad a lot: irrigating, gardening, hauling hay, etc. and having a little fun here and there fishing and camping. He and Jeff did a semi-Anasazi experience with Jeremy and Zach for a couple of days last month.

I had my knee surgery about two weeks ago. It is really amazing what they can do nowadays. I just have two really tiny cuts and my knee, although a little sore, feels better than it has in years. I am wearing a brace to help my kneecap move over a little, they "released" (cut) the tendon on the outside because it was pulling too hard that way, and that makes it a little sore, but all in all it is really good. I applied for a job at the High School here in American Fork, all the while praying that if it wasn't right that I wouldn't get it, and I didn't. I'm not disappointed at all, I only want to do what is right for us and apparently that wasn't it. So I will probably try to tutor later in the school year when parents start to panic when their kid is failing math.

Amy is in Germany now. She got there August 8, and we got an email from her mission president. We are sending a couple of pictures that they sent: One of her and her companion and another with her mission president and his wife. She is so excited to start her mission and we can see her growing in spirituality already. She asked me to put this in the newsletter for her:

Thanks so much for writing to me at the family reunion! It was so good to hear from all of you! I am absolutely loving my mission and having the time of my life. I hope everyone is happy and well and enjoying their summer. Thanks for all of the prayers also. I love and miss you all so much and can't wait to see everyone again!



Her mission president wrote that she shared her testimony with some people on the train on her way to the mission home, so she is off and running. It was so sweet - she sent her brother and sister a Book of Mormon just before she left and told them how much she loves the scriptures. She said that she couldn't wait to see us again but until then she would do her best to make us proud. You can imagine the tears shed when I read that.

Rich is doing well. We have heard more from him since Amy has been gone than the whole time before. She writes to him all the time and he cc's us on his emails to her. He is really busy because he has so many jobs in the unit. They are really short-staffed so he is the battery (like a company) XO, FDO, and platoon leader. He wanted to take a trip to Thailand, Laos and Vietnam, but it looks like he won't be able to. The bad news is that he will be going straight to Iraq after this. We thought he was going to go to Ft. Hood, Texas and we were really glad because they are just coming home and won't be going back for another year. But those orders were

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revoked and they are sending him there to join a unit already there. We will have to have a lot of prayers for him while he is there.

Jeff and Brianna are getting along well. Jeff is just kind of waiting for school to start so he can hang out with friends again. Brianna got a job at Pizza Hut and wants to tell everyone not to order pizza on a Friday or Saturday night because it is just way too crazy. Please order pizza in the afternoon, because that is when it is most boring. She has been taking voice lessons since January and just had her first recital. She did really well and didn't seem nervous at all. She also had the best bow and didn't fidget like some of the others did.

I am sending the newsletter article that I wrote last month and didn't get to Lawson in time. I will give Amy's address to everyone in the next newsletter. I can forward her emails to the family, but only parents and grandparents are supposed to email her. I guess it would just take up too much of her time to read a lot of emails.

Keep praying for us. We have a good attitude, but we would really like to have a job. We love all of you!

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We've had a fun busy summer. Cason has been busy with marching band. He was in the Park City parade and in the Roy days parade. He finished band camp last week.

Tanner and Thayne have been involved in a few soccer tournaments this summer and will start their regular fall season games pretty soon. Landon and Meguire will also start their AYSO soccer seasons pretty soon. I'll be coaching Landon and Kelly might coach Meg. I told her she could take Meg's team!

Thayne and I went to a Webelos overnight campout. He was still 9 but the Webelos leader wanted him to go to pass stuff off. A few weeks after that he went to the cub scout day camp! He's 10 now and officially a Webelos scout.



We enjoyed seeing all the family for Jeremy's homecoming and the family reunion. The week after that Tanner went to scout camp at Camp Loll up by Yellowstone. Cason and I had our high adventure camp at Alpine Junction in Wyoming. We had a fun week. We rode horses and did some shooting one day. Another day we spent rafting down the Snake River (picture to left).

The next week after those camps we went up to Canada to visit Kelly's family. We had an enjoyable week up there and were able to help out Kelly's mom on a few projects. The only bad thing was that it was very hot there. Since it's not usually that hot nobody has air conditioning. I was always willing to go to town when needed so I could get in the air conditioned car!



Jeremy's Homecoming



Anthony, Jeff, Broox, Cason, Brianna and Jeremy in their Iron Chef outfits.

Family Reunion

Loreen and Laura giving Jared a little unwanted attention.



Lisa's great FHE lesson about Family History - The cousins "linking" the ancestors (left).



Lawson and Greg took a bunch of the kids to canoe and play in the lake.

We had a great time playing games!



We cut wood for the Dye cabin.



For the Humanitarian Project we made dolls and craft kits for Primary Children's Hospital.



Our finished product for the Humanitarian Kits.



Grandma Lisa and Riley.

