

# Happy Happenings

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## The Sorensens:

Hello, Everyone. Things are going good here in Wyoming. The summer is wrapping up. The kids have gone back to school. Aaron is done doing hay & getting ready to chop corn for silage & the calves will be back here in a couple of weeks. It gets cold enough at night I think about turning on the heater.

August was good. We celebrated what would be Amberly's 7th birthday by watching her movie and having brownies and ice cream. Broox got to blow her candles out. Then the next day we took Rix to Primary Children's & they said he needs another surgery. It will be a lot like the last one, but this time they will have to reconstruct his whole skull. They set the date for December 6.

Jaxon & Jancy both like school. Jaxon has a male teacher with an earring (he has to add that part). This is a first for either of my kids, but I'm sure he'll be good. Jancy has a really fun teacher that likes lots of class pets. Broox & Dixon are doing good. We haven't quite got into a schedule yet. Dixon still asks all day, "Daddy do? Jaxon do? Jancy do?" I'll tell him & he'll say, "Oh," and awhile later we go through it again. We hope everything is going well for all of you.

Mom & Lynn

Hi Family! Here we are still plugging along. We were so excited when we filled out our application to serve a full-time mission. Yup! We got on xxx.lds.org and submitted our papers! Then we met with the Bishop and thought everything was a go. He said the next step would be a call from the Stake President to come for an interview. Oh no! We were on our way to Arizona and wondered if we'd miss his call. So while we were gone we called our home phone for messages. But no message!

We got home from Arizona on Sunday and I immediately called him. Not home. Called back that evening and got him. He said he 'had a few things to check out but hadn't done it yet - and hadn't gotten the papers to the Stake President yet. I know, I'm bad.' He said there wasn't anything we needed to do. Well it has now been one more week and still no call from the Stake President's office requesting that we come in for a visit. It is our stake conference this weekend - which may account for no call from the SP - if the papers have been sent to him. We've tried to contact the Bishop several times this week but haven't been able to contact him yet. So so far no progress but we're still praying.

As your Mom said we went to Arizona. The Burnetts took us along for a super meal out to celebrate Jill's birthday. What a neat treat - both for the meal and for the excellent company. Then we got to spend a night with the Coons - nice bed Brittney. Thanks to all for a great time. We sure love to spend time with our family!

We then went to Sierra Vista and helped Leslie and Jeff pack up all their clothes and stuff. We took our next U-Haul to Tucson which handled the towing of a trailer very nicely. We loaded their stuff in a U-Haul and brought them and their stuff home with us. Got home on Sunday night after a wet camp-out at Flagstaff. Les and Jeff are beginning to settle in. It won't be long till they are fully a part of the household. We have them housed in the basement. So far we are pretty much eating together and doing most things as one family. It will probably pretty much stay that way unless our mission hours are such that they interfere with a normal family-type schedule. We're glad they are here.

We love you all and continue to pray for your well-being. Pray for ours too. OK?



From the Dye's (written by Ondylyn):

We haven't written for forever. We had a fun and busy summer. It was filled with cabin trips, California, Youth Conference, parades, church camps, cousins coming over, reunions, parades, campouts, rodeos, Wyoming, EFY, and parades. We also loved having Jeff stay with us for a while.

In case you didn't know, Anthony and Ondylyn are in the drum line in the marching band. All summer long they've been in parade camps and band camps and drum camps and pre camps. Tons of kids come over for lunch almost every day and we cooked hamburgers for most of the band (about forty five people) over at the high school one day. We just got done with a yard sale to save up for the California band trip. Thanks to all of you who donated things to sell. It went really well and we made almost four hundred dollars! In the last two weeks they also played in two football games and a parade. After the parade they had some time set apart for the drum majors and section leaders to give out awards. Anthony was voted hottest senior guy and Ondylyn was hottest freshman girl.

Anthony's taking film two and TAing film one. He's pretty serious about this filming thing. Ask him about his Gatorade commercial sometime. He's also excited about his photography class. His whole life right now is drumming and a little bit of school.

There's a game that a kid in the marching band started called Spoo. It is a combination of almost every sport with a giant rubber ball. Last time Ondy got elbowed in the mouth. It broke the bone behind her tooth and probably killed the tooth. She'll probably have to have a root canal and cap sometime. She started school with a metal splint that held the tooth in place until the bone heals. Thank goodness it's not very noticeable.

Zac earned his Tenderfoot in scouts. He had a fun time with Jeff, Cason, Tanner, and the Sorensen kids. He's interested in getting a pet. He checked out MANY books on every pet imaginable and decided on a rabbit. Now he studies non-stop about rabbit care. He hopes to get it next week.

Laura is the official drum line mom. We even have some of the kids calling her mom now. She might even go on the California Band trip as a chaperone. She just spent the last two weeks cleaning out the whole house for the yard sale. What a dedicated mom! By the time you get the next newsletter she'll be forty. The family is scheming on how to make it as miserable as possible. She's looking forward to another decade of fun. She's in the PTA and on the School Community Council and Zac's room mom. She'll soon be tutoring two kids in reading.

Greg has a birthday this Thursday and he's turning forty seven. He used to get a haircut with a white cape on and he'd always say "Look, I have lots of dark hair". This last time he wore a black cape and was dismayed at all the gray hairs that showed up. Actually, he's looking forward to being totally grey. At least he's not going bald. We had to skip the Puzzle Party this year because work was too crazy. It was a depressing day on July 29 when he realized they were having the puzzle exchange without him.

Jeremy has been serving in Tres Coracoes. He and his companion were on fire. They taught 50+ discussions every week. They had lots of good investigators in church, some baptisms, and lots of great experiences. This past week he was transferred to the mission office in Belo Horizonte to be the mission's financial secretary. He's with a great companion from Nebraska that he hopes he'll room with at BYU. He's a little frustrated with his new transfer - we're not quite sure why.

We love you all. Happy September.

### September Birthdays:

12 Janner

14 Greg D.

18 Lawson

22 Jancy

26 Aubrey



Here is a picture of Caleb's 4th birthday (I couldn't fit it on the next page.) Caleb loves his car ramp and Superman pajamas.





The Utah Burnetts:

The boys and I went camping and fishing in the Uintahs. We took a canoe and did some fishing at Moosehorn Lake and Mirror Lake. We had a good time, caught about 15 fish and kept 4 or 5 of them. Thayne had his 9<sup>th</sup> birthday. Tanner's birthday is coming up soon so they combined to have a swimming party with friends.

Cason had fun spending a few days with the Dyes. Laura brought him back for the Sorensen's rodeo. It was fun to get together with family there at the rodeo and watch the Sorensen kids in their events. It was also the county fair so we were able to enjoy some other activities as well.

I've started working on building a retaining wall on the West side of our house to put an RV pad in. Lots of work!

We try to go the drive in movie each summer so we did that last month. We ended up taking both of our cars and kids from 2 other families besides ours; so we had quite a group! We had a good time and got home around 2am. I took a nap before so I stayed awake the whole time, but several of the kids fell asleep.

Kelly had her big 40<sup>th</sup> birthday! I kind of kept quiet about the whole thing and planned a little surprise party for her. I just down played it and told her Mom and Lynn were coming and that was it. She was pleasantly surprised when I took her outside and a bunch of our friends were there! I don't usually do anything like that so I figured I could handle it once for that big occasion!

We had a fun boating/tubing activity with the young men. It was funny because the day after was Sunday and I knew which muscles were sore on me and figured it was probably the same for the boys so I'd go up to them and poke or squeeze them in the right place and sure enough, they were sore too!

We are back into soccer really heavy again. I'm coaching Landon's little team. Thayne and Tanner are playing competitive soccer. Between their practices and games we have soccer every day of the week except Sunday. Yesterday (Saturday) Landon, Thayne, Tanner and Kelly and I all had soccer games! Pretty busy but we all like it so we keep doing it.

Tanner will be receiving the priesthood on 9/17/06. He's excited to start going to mutual and Boy Scouts.

We love you all and hope everyone is well.

The Coons Family (written by Todd):

August has been an up and down month... Todd's company had lots of rumors about a 10% layoff. Fortunately for us, it looks like things are pretty good for now. We feel very fortunate to live in our home because the ward and schools are fantastic! Every day when Aubrey comes home from Kindergarten, we ask her "How was school?" Her response is "I loved it!!!" We have met all of the teachers and are impressed... small classes (22) but a huge school (1200). Loreen just got called into Primary activity days. (3 women with 30 girls) On Sunday there were 15-20 young men who bore their testimonies!!! Such a neat group of people here. Loreen did some canning of Utah Peach products. (Todd loves it when she does the Home-making thing :) ) We bought Brittney an Oboe and she is making good music with it. Hannah has a new friend who moved in to the house behind us. They have horses, goats, dogs, etc. Both Brittney and Hannah are talking on the phone more. We are experiencing some pre-teen moments :) Loreen has started on a chiropractor treatment plan. She has different combinations of stretching, exercises, deep massages and gets adjustments 3x per week. So far the results are looking positive. We figure that turning your head from side-to-side should still be possible when you are in your 30's... Todd spent 2 weekends clearing up the results of our latest Monsoon storm. We lost our largest tree... a 50 foot cottonwood that got uprooted. 2 Trailers and a truck later... we have it 80% hauled off. Caleb, well, he has a new laugh and such a fun time with numbers, cars, engines, and boy things. "Dad, what would this car be like if it had 10 hundred thousand engines!... Whoa supersonic!" Caleb is right about supersonic.. that seem like how fast they are all growing. To echo Aubrey.. How do we like our family?... We Love it!!!