

Conversation with Nancy July 6, 1994

Every year we help with the Stadium of Fire. John Whitiker is the producer and he asked Doug to be the stage manager. This is at the BYU stadium. It went really well. I got to be the hostess for the Tabernacle Choir and I took them to dinner at the Cannon Center. I went with the Oakridge Boys for lunch. It was a pretty neat experience. It just made tears come to your eyes to hear the Tabernacle Choir sing those patriotic songs with the fireworks in the background. Mom and Dad were there and I went up to where they were sitting to visit them. Dad was covering his ears so I went down and got some foam ear plugs for him.

DJ got 5 stitches in his head for the first time. His guardian angel must have been looking the other way. We have been very blessed that he has had so few injuries. He bumped into his wheel chair. They had to put the needle in 7 different times and he didn't cry. He was really tough. He can read short sentences in braille. The special ed. director has marked 9 students to focus on for the coming year. DJ is one of them. She thinks he has a lot of potential that hasn't been tapped. He got stung by a bee that flew down his shirt. We were having a 4th of July picnic at our house and when he screamed he had about 50 people around him.

The highlight of our picnic was some left over fireworks from the Stadium of Fire. There were some huge fireworks that had been placed on big grids that were in shapes like bows, birds and such. They were placed under that stadium near a sprinkler system and when the sprinklers went on they got them wet. They had to call crews in to rebuild them because they were to wet to be lit for the show on the 2nd. They were however dry on the 4th so we brought them to our neighborhood and set them off. You should have seen the crowds that came when we started to set them off. We were a little scared the cops would come. It was fun and bright. And we had some major boxes of fireworks left over from the Stadium of Fire that we set off also.

My preschool is almost filled up for next year. Chelsea is at camp for the first time. She was scared and had butterflies when we took her over to the church.

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Dear Family,

We had a fun 4th of July. We had about 30 people come over to our house to set off fireworks. Some of the families had gone over the border (to Washington) to get some fireworks that are prohibited in Oregon and we had a "rockets red glare and bombs bursting in air" show. One of the fireworks went up high, exploded and dropped a parachuter. It was all very entertaining! We made some strawberry, banana homemade ice cream using the famous Bob and Cherie Weight recipe and it was a big hit.

This week Hannah went to a local track camp. She won the gold medal in her age category and \$250 will be donated to her Jr. High Track program. She competed in the 800 meters, discus and the 3 in one jump. She came home with two sprained ankles--she fell on a step and we iced up her ankle so she could compete in her last two events (fortunately her running event was over). She broke records in both field events and then came up to the stands and tripped on the same step and twisted her other ankle!!

Willis went to cub scout camp the first week after school was out. This past week Willis and Hyrum were in a basketball camp. The camp lasted four hours each day Monday through Saturday. They must have had a good time because Willis said that it seemed like they were only there for about an hour each day.

Hyrum attended a one day Blazer day camp. He passed off his first merit badge. It was on leather work. Each of the boys made a neckerchief slide out of leather that had stamp decorations and their initials on it.

Sarah and Hannah had a great time at girl's camp. Last year it rained the whole week but the sun shone this year. This is Sarah's 4th year and they went on an overnight, backpacking trip. She said that the 4th year leaders were really fun. She and her group put on a skit that spoofed the leaders and friends reported to me that it was a side-splitting show!

We plan to go to the Weight reunion the last week in July. The first week in August I will spend at Webelo camp and the following week we are going to spend a week in Sunriver, OR. Then we are going to do a few weekend trips to finish out the summer.

Willis, Stephanie and family came down to visit in mid June. We spent one night at the beach and had a wonderful time with them. Josie has no fear of the water and she would crawl right into the cold ocean and splash around. Calvin caught a crab and he and Levi brought it back to camp and we had a small crab feast! The younger boys built a sand castle with a mote around it. Sarah and Hannah really enjoyed being with Shilo, Calvin and Audrey.

We look forward to seeing some of you in Utah!