

These Are The Days...

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So I guess I slacked off a bit and now I am a whole month behind getting this written and printed, sorry. We have to go all the way back to the beginning of February so here goes...

On the 4th of this month, a week and a half after Tess was born, Jed and Ashley had their baby girl and named her Tatum Jodie Elder. Ashley and I have had a good time with the two of them and we are glad that everyone is happy and healthy.



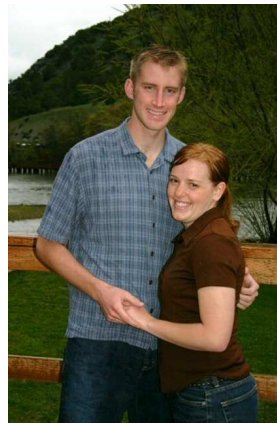
We also had to take the cat to the vet again because she had chewed several bleeding holes in herself and we had had enough. Jared

took her by himself and I can't honestly remember what was wrong with her...but it cost us a bunch of money and the results didn't last long.

Jared's family came out to see the baby (and us we think) on the 5th and 6th of this month and we were glad to have the company. We were all too tired to really go anywhere so for the most part we just hung out here at the apartment. Noah

had a good time with all the extra attention and we were sad when they had to go home.

Tess had her 2 week check-up on the 8th and we are pleased to report that she passed with flying colors. She had already gained half a pound! Dr. Vaughn was a little concerned about her jaundice so they stuck her heel again and said that he wanted to see her in another two weeks if she was still yellow at all.



Sometime this month, we aren't sure when, Nate and his girlfriend Ashley announced their engagement. They are planning to get married on the 2nd of June. We are thrilled for

the both of them and we love Ashley to death. Congrats you two!

Valentine's Day was on the 14th as usual and I think that Jared brought me some roses, but that was about all we did. Somehow it seemed to get lost in the new baby shuffle.

After Tess was born Grandma Glo gave us some money buy a twin-stroller. We found one that we liked that was at least



somewhat near a reasonable price and were all set to order it. The morning that I was going to order it I found a place that had the one that we had originally wanted, but

decided was much too expensive, for more than \$150 off because –get this—it was last year's model! I ordered the Maclaren and it came just a few days later. It is sooo nice and we have just loved it!

On the 19th we went to Penney's and got Tess's pictures taken.



They turned out really well and we were excited to get them back.

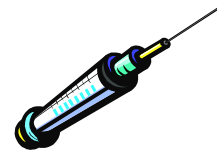
We also had a baby shower on the 19th. Wendy Jensen and Katie Moon in our ward threw a shower for Tess and Tatum. We had a really good time and got a lot of nice things. It made us even more excited for Anthony and Wendy who (we now know) are expecting a little girl the end of August.

Brandon's birthday was the 21st of this month and I can't believe that my little brother is 20!

We also had to take Tess into Urgent care on the 21st. We got really worried after she threw up on me twice in a row and the nurse we talked to said to bring

her in. We called Anthony and Wendy to stay with Noah and took the baby to the doctor. She was okay and we just had to feed her less more often for a couple days...it was a bit of a scare for us.

Her pediatrician wanted to see her after that for a follow up appointment and while her throwing up was nothing to worry about he was concerned about her



yellowness so we had to get some blood work done. I took her to the Quest

Diagnostics place near us and they put a tourniquet on her tiny little arm and got blood out of her. On the plus side she has slept at least 9 hours at night since that day.

On the 24th Noah got sick. He was sound asleep on the couch when he barfed his breakfast all over the place. He threw up everything for a couple of days and spiked a pretty high fever. We went through a lot of diapers trying to keep his poor little butt from getting a really bad rash...the poor kid was so sick. We even drug his mattress out to the living room so he could lie down and watch his movies while we tried to get him to drink all we could. He was just miserable and cried all day long. It lasted about a week and I think that we both almost cried when we caught him playing and smiling in his room one night.



We had the carpets cleaned on the 26th, which was just in time after Noah's little explosion in the living room. We had to drag his mattress into our room while

they were here cleaning but the carpets look great and we have learned that we don't want beige carpet at our house.

So on to March...

Around the beginning of this month we decided to look for a new job. While we have had a lot of contacts and a few really great looking prospects none of them have blossomed into offers just yet. But something will come up and then we'll make the right decision for us.



The beginning of this month we got the tax return back and true to our promise we went the furniture store and bought Noah a little

chair. He has liked it I think and it is really cute. It hasn't done a whole lot to keep him out of the bouncy chair or the swing...but oh well.

On the 4th of this month Mom, Dad, Megan, Grandma Glo and Grandma Ida all came to see the baby and all of us. We were thrilled to have them here and had a really good time visiting with everybody. We got to go to Great Scotts with them all and we were excited to be able to take them to the park and things here. Hopefully the next place we live won't have so many stairs...sorry Grandmas.

On the 12th Anthony and Wendy had us and Jed and Ashley and their kids over for a BBQ. It was fun and Noah and Zeke had a good time running around the backyard. We went to a little park by

their house afterwards and tried to fly some kites. It was a little too windy for kite flying but we still had fun at the playground with Noah.

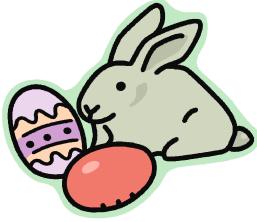


We had the missionaries over for dinner on the 13th. It was really nice. We haven't done that in quite a while. We had a nice visit and they were fun to talk to. While we were sitting there talking to them Noah was playing with the magnet letters on the fridge. He brought two of them over and handed them to one of the missionaries while we were talking. The Elder started looking at the letters and got a weird look on his face and then announced that Noah had handed him the F & the U! We were a little embarrassed and they joked that it was a mission journal worthy experience.

On the 14th of March Noah said his first sentence. We were thrilled. He knocked over some of his toys with his little basketball and then he said "Noah! What'd you do?" It was so cute! He had the exact same tone and inflection that Jared and I have when we say that...it was great. Since then he has been following us around asking what we're doing all day long.

Nate's birthday was the 21st of this month and if I remember right we sent him a Sam's Club membership. We figured it would be a good gift for the newlyweds.

On the 26th we went to the Easter party for the ward Primary and Nursery kids. We were thrilled that Noah was old enough to go, and we had a really good



time. I packed Tess around in the front pack and Jared helped Noah find Easter eggs and frost a cookie and a whole

bunch of other stuff. Noah had a lot of fun and we got to see a bunch of people from our old ward.

Easter came on the 27th and the bunny managed to make it to our house. He brought Noah some new alphabet flash cards, a snazzy polo shirt to wear to church, and way too much candy. Tess got a really pretty new dress and some cute pink bunny slippers, along with a toy to put on the car seat. Noah was really cute emptying his basket and helping Tess with hers.



We broke down and cooked the turkey that Jared's work had given us for Christmas

and I must say that for my first turkey it wasn't half bad. It would have been better if the dumb thing had fit in the oven bags that I had. We had Anthony and Wendy come over and they brought a bunch of stuff and we had quite a feast. It was all really good we were really glad that we had someone to have dinner with.

Tess rolled just a couple of days before her two-month appointment. We were up trying to get her to sleep and she was really gassy. I put her on her stomach thinking that that would help her work some of the bubbles out. Much to our surprise she rolled over and over and

over. We were very surprised to say the least.

Her two-month appointment went really well. She had already gained three pounds! He thought that she looked just great and that we were in the clear as far as her jaundice goes. We were happy to hear that she was doing so well and are excited to watch her get bigger and bigger...



Sometime in the month of March Brandon and his girlfriend, also named Ashley (& we love her too!) announced that they were also planning to get married in June as well. They are planning on the 18th so we'll get to see

both of our brothers marry Ashleys in June.

We headed to Kaysville on the 30th for a week long vacation that was long overdue. Tess threw up in the car seat immediately before we left, we changed her clothes and put a pad in the bottom of the car seat and left anyways. The drive down wasn't bad and both of the kids managed to survive the trip. The weather was decent and we were thrilled to be there to see everybody.

We had a nice little break from things and got to see a lot of people we haven't seen in a while. I got to go out and see

Veronica and her new house. I hadn't had a chance to meet Ethan yet and Veronica was excited to see Tess. Ethan is really cute and 'V' and Dustin have a nice place. We are really jealous happy for them...☺

We went to Jared's mission reunion on the 2nd. It was amusing to say the least. Jared had to circle the foyer with Noah and I had to dance around with Tess to keep them both happy. I noticed President Johns snicker as I headed out with the baby to wander with Jared and Noah. It was fun to see all the little kids that are starting to become less of a minority at these things. We had the cutest kids there hands down.

Jared got to go up to Logan with his dad and brother Josh to attend the priesthood session with Nate. He said that the meeting was good and that it was nice to be in Cache Valley again.

He also got to go to the elementary school one day and have lunch with Bree and her friends. We also got to go and see the 6th grade musical. It was really cool and we were both a little jealous that they never did anything that cool while we were there.

On the 6th we headed home. Or at least we tried. My stupid little car made it to mile marker sixty-five in Wyoming, and then it gave up. It made a big thump and then kept making noise. On the way down the next hill it just gave up and died. We coasted to a stop on the side of the road and I fed the baby while Jared called the Allstate 'big-fat-rip-off' motor club. They sent a tow truck from Evanston, an hour away, and a taxi for all of us from Rock Springs, which was only about thirty miles away.



We took a few things with us and left the car on the side of the highway for the tow truck guy. We got a hotel room for the night and proceeded wait for news about the car. We got a message from the Honda dealership after a little while and they told us that the engine was toast. We paid them what we owed them and they pushed the car out the door for us to worry about later. We got a hold of the transit bishop there in Rock Springs and he took Jared over to the Honda Dealership to get our luggage and keys out of the car. He was really nice and we will always remember him when passing through there.

After talking to just about everyone we have ever known to figure out what to do, Mom called and said that they had a plan. Dad would come the next morning towing the Alero to us, and then take the Civic home to either be blown up or fixed. We finally gave in and were relieved to have a plan.

Jared ran across the street (literally on foot) to Wal-Mart to get a few things and we settled in for the night. Poor Noah had a really hard time sleeping on the queen sized bed all by himself; I feel bad admitting that he probably fell out about six times before we gave up and let him sleep between us. There wasn't a lot of sleeping after that since Noah sleeps like a dying fish.

Dad and Megan came the next morning and brought us a car. We had lunch and headed home. The rest of the drive was pleasantly uneventful. The Alero is really nice and we have been very glad to have it.

After Dad had a chance to look at the car, he confirmed that the engine was indeed toast. The car had no oil whatsoever. So we proceeded to make plans to replace the engine. Dad and Allen got it up and going again in a few days and we hear that it is running great. Thanks guys.

We had dinner with Jed and Ashley on the 24th. Jed grilled burgers and steaks and we had a nice visit. Noah and Zeke had a little food fight in the kitchen, but other than that the afternoon was really pleasant.

Ashley started a little get-together lunch group for the moms with young kids in the ward and we had our first gathering on the 30th. It was a lot of fun and I am glad that she started the whole thing. So far the plan is to get together at someone else's house each time and have lunch and let the kids play together.

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Noah has started running. Real, both feet off of the ground running, complete with the typical two-year-old boy scream the whole way.



He can also identify all of the letters in the alphabet with surprising accuracy. We have really enjoyed showing off for people when Noah feels like cooperating.

Noah has started singing just about any song that he hears. He knows a handful

of the words and all of the motions to "The Itsy-Bitsy Spider." He jumps like the Sunbeams do to "Jesus Wants Me For A Sunbeam." And he sings "Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star." He loves the Elmo's World song from Sesame Street and he knows just about every song the Wiggles have ever written.

Tess is Terrific!

Tess started smiling when she was about three weeks old and has only gotten more smiley as time goes on. She is a very happy baby.



She started laughing a few weeks later, and we just love it. It has been a while since we heard

that cute squeaky baby laugh and we are thoroughly enjoying it.

She is also very chatty. She coos and oohs and carries on and on. It is so fun to sit and chat with her.

Well folks, I think that just about wraps up this gigantic thing. Hopefully we'll be a little more prompt about the next one.

We just want to say thanks to everybody who has helped us out of all the jams we have gotten into in the last few weeks...we love you all. Thanks again. Till next time...