
Subject: Right in the middle of my Sweet Potato Week
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18 weeks and 4 days pregnant!

I haven't felt any more movement since the quickening last week. We sometimes, when laying down, can feel a harder area in my abdomen than at other times...usually slightly on one side or another. We're figuring we're finding the baby....one time DH was resting his hand for a long time on my belly while we talked and eventually this little tiny rise or hardening in the tummy happened...we figured our little guy was reacting to the warmth of the hand.

And I finally convinced DH to talk closer to my baby....neither of us can remember lullabies completely so he sang the ABC's.

Smell aversions are still here (I'm gagging around even dry cat food now) and I'm still not enjoying food (and filling up rather quickly). I did find a new homemade soup that actually broke through my taste buds (I was beginning to become concerned that they would never feel alive again, LOL): Spinach, lemon and creme puree.

This week I finally began working on a knitting project for the baby.... I wanted an outfit similar to Sweet Pea (from Popeye) to bring the kiddo home from the hospital (drawstring nightgown). My daughter spotted a pattern at Joanne's, so I scooped up some sprig-green yarn. I've unraveled my work several times over but I think I've overcome my mental block and am on my way to a pretty cute little outfit. I also purchased some "denim" colored yarn (couple of different kinds) to try my hand at making some "overalls"....it being winter and all when he arrives.

Best news of the week:

* Found someone who is a dula that I've not been able to approach since we were keeping things secret. She's checking into a couple of things for me, and has agreed to speak with both Franklin and myself...as well as checking into what she thinks may have been poor communication about birthing center opportunities for my particular VBAC. (She's going to check with the people she knows personally who work there, pull a couple of dulas who have experience with VBACs in particular, etc). Super great.

* DS has been a bit distant about the news of the baby...just not interested all the way around. Checked his FB page this morning and he's made the announcement, "Hey! I'm going to be a big brother!"

* We've now officially told the world we're expecting and that we're having a boy. Dh said he can't remember now if he's given the news to his mother yet that we're having a boy, but he definitely has told his brother (which means MIL knows but has been kind enough not to call and say, "What am I? Chopped liver?" LOL I'm making him call today just to cover our bases.
