

‘Miracle baby’ year’s first

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Jamie and Jason Swan call him their miracle baby. They don’t have an official first name for the little tyke yet — they’re leaning toward Alexander — but at the time they’re just happy their 7-pound, 9-ounce bundle of joy is healthy.

Baby Leighton Swan made his first appearance at 2:52 a.m. on Saturday, becoming the first Cache Valley baby of 2005. When it came time for Jamie Swan to deliver the baby, however, a problem came up.

The nurse discovered that the umbilical cord was underneath his head. “The baby’s head was pushing against it,” Jamie said. “He would have not got the oxygen he needed; he would have died if she wouldn’t have caught that.

“She saved our baby.”

The Swan’s nurse sat on the bed and held Jamie until they got into the operating room for an emergency Caesarean section. The doctor handled the situation, and both the baby and mom are healthy.

Jamie and Jason Swan had been in a similar situation before, when their first daughter, Olivia, was born. Complications in that delivery resulted in the newborn passing away.

“When we lost Olivia we didn’t know until just when she was born that there were any problems,” Jason said.

Being in another situation where both mother and baby were helpless was scary, Jamie said.

“I was freaking out. I was crying. I was really scared,” she said. “He’s a miracle baby.”



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Jamie and Jason Swan hold their son who was the first baby born in Cache Valley this year.

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Everything with their new baby boy turned out OK, and now the Swan's will take the boy to their Logan home to join his three sisters, Susie, 8, Becca, 6, and Katie, 4.

"I think it will be fun to do something different," Jamie said.

"We're good at girls," Jason added.

Jamie said she had been joking with her husband for the past few weeks about having the first baby of the year.

It didn't seem like it was going to happen, but the couple was watching "Napoleon Dynamite" on Friday night, and at about 10 p.m., Jamie said she was uncomfortable and needed to go to the hospital.

"We don't know how (the movie) ended," Jason said.

Before the Swans see the ending of the movie, they will move their new baby home

and into a teddy bear-clad room with his big sister, and before they eat the cupcakes that their daughters were baking for them on Saturday, they will have to decide on a first name for the boy.

While Alexander is at the top of the list, they said, there are other names being considered, among them: Chinook, Eli and Marcus.

"We've had plenty of time to think of a name," Jamie said. "But I'm going to need some time to let my head clear before we decide."
