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Introduction to Doughnut Liberation Day

This is the story about our trip to Clare, Michigan, to eat some doughnuts and hang out with our friends inside Cops & Doughnuts. Please feel free to contribute stories about your visit to Cops & Doughnuts, or a story about a day trip you've taken to somewhere fun.

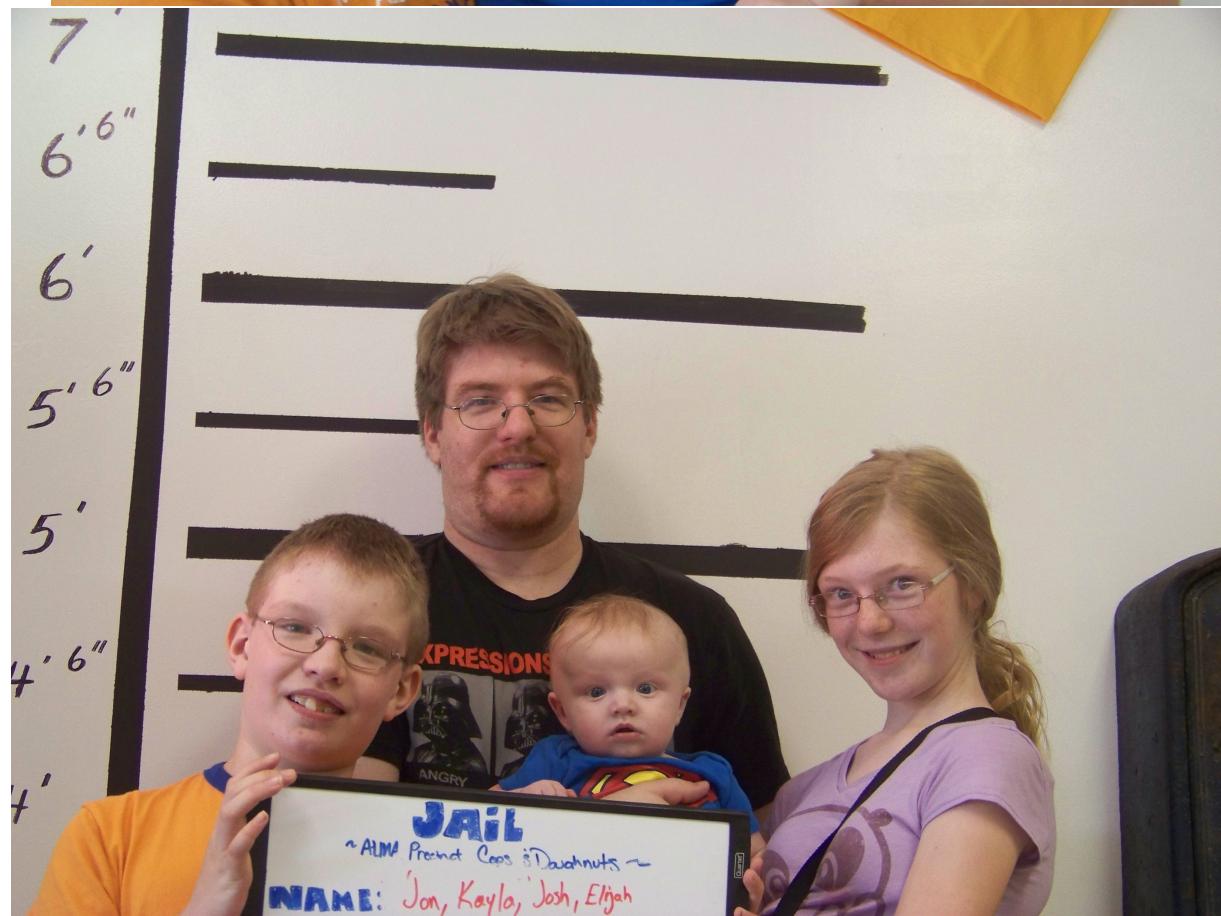
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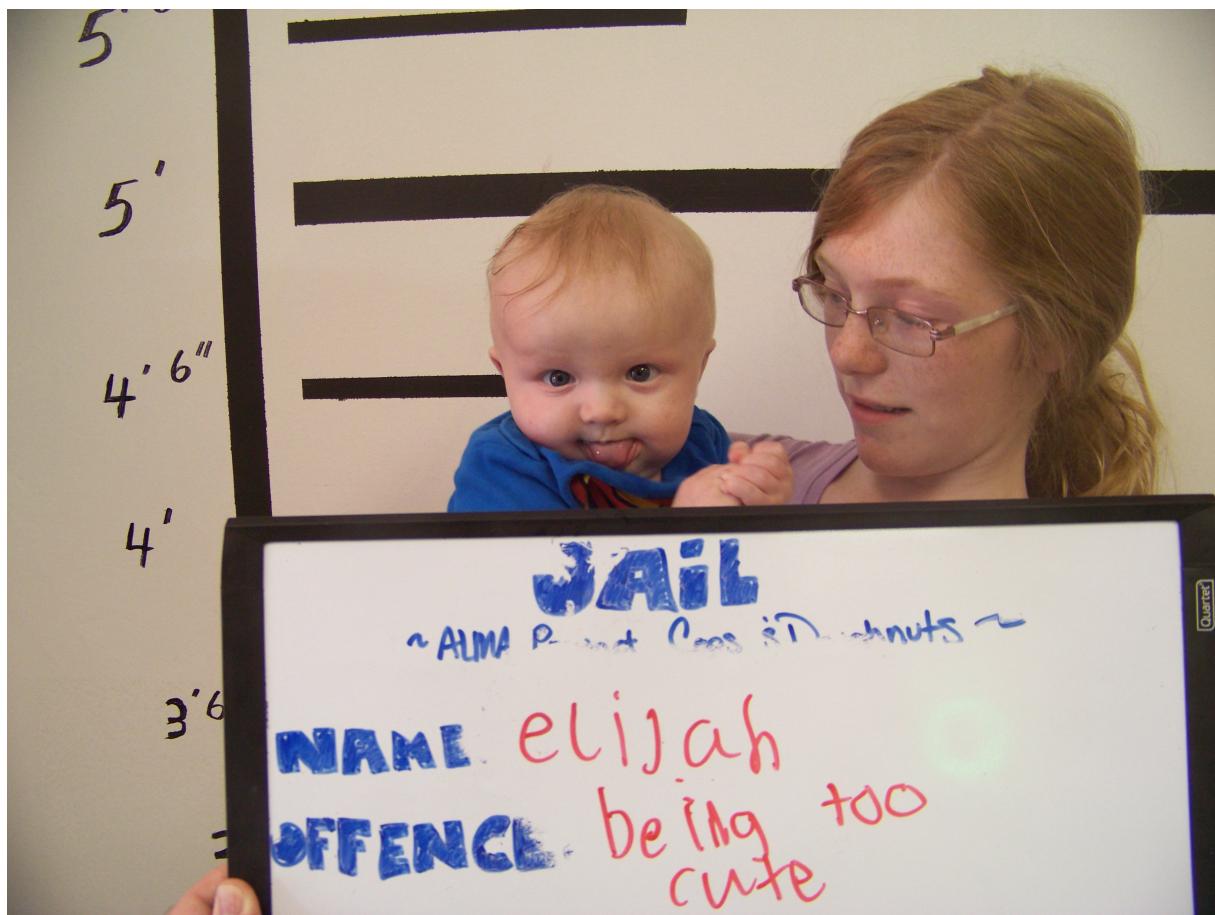
1 Our Visits to Cops and Doughnuts

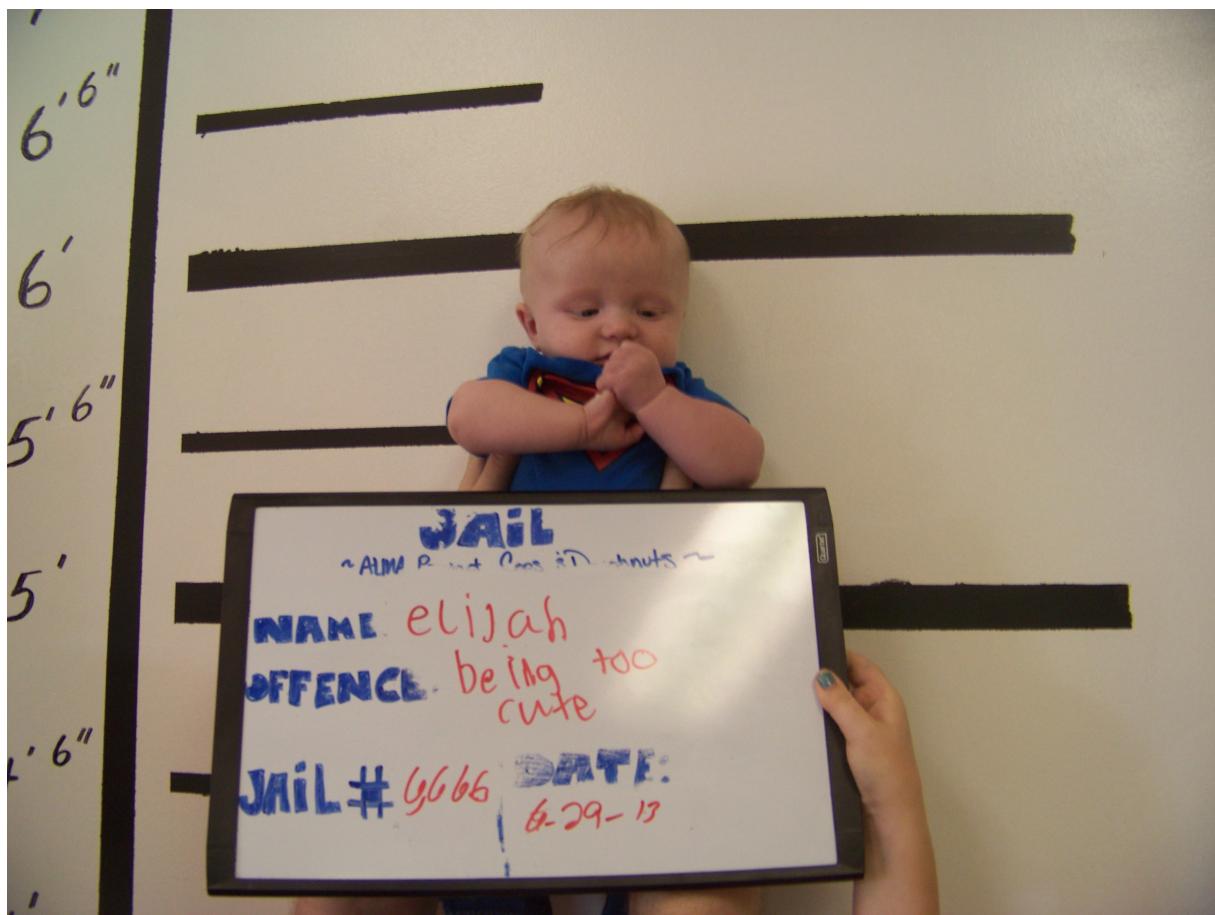
Yesterday we traveled with the Holidays to Clare to eat donuts at Cops & Donuts. It's a long way to drive just to eat a donut at 2 p.m. in the afternoon, but it's not something we do very often, and it is almost always worth it. It has become something of a tradition since a few years ago when my friend Louie Holliday mentioned the idea. Back then, my son, Josh, and I tagged along with Louie and his kids, and ended up have a really good time.

Visit to the Alma Precinct

Twenty-month-old Elijah's first visit was about a year ago when we visited the "precinct" down in Alma. He was too young to eat a donut, but we did take lots of pictures:











The Cops & Doughnuts store in Alma had just recently opened up, and I was itching to take a look inside, so one afternoon I took the kids and Kayla's friend Hannah down to Alma for some donuts. I wanted to give Kayla and Hannah one more chance to do something together before Hannah's family moved. It seemed fitting to make it a visit to Cops & Doughnuts, because Hannah had come with us on one of our earlier visits. This has turned out to be quite a trek, with us following the Hollidays in our van.

As it turns out, we ended up having to stop at a nearby Walmart to get our donut fix because the Cops & Doughnuts was all out. But, it was a good trip.

The Great Donut Escape

Our most memorable trip to Cops & Doughnuts was the fall of 2011, when we accompanied the Hollidays up North to Clare. Looking back, I am reminded of how much has changed during the last three years. We've since traded in our Windstar (and the Cavalier) for different vehicles, Elijah was born, and our older two kids are in their tweens and teens.

Louie called me up and asked me if I'd like to join them on a color tour up North around Clare. He sold me on the idea when he mentioned Cops & Doughnuts. It sounded like fun, and it was a way to get out of the house.

I told Kayla she could invite a friend, so she invited Hannah and Hannah's sister, Haley. Next, Josh switched over to the Hollidays' van, and Athena chose to ride with us.

So, I drove following the Hollidays with four girls in the backseats. When I offered to play some music, the vote was unanimously for Hannah Montana. Suddenly, I was thankful we were only driving to Clare.

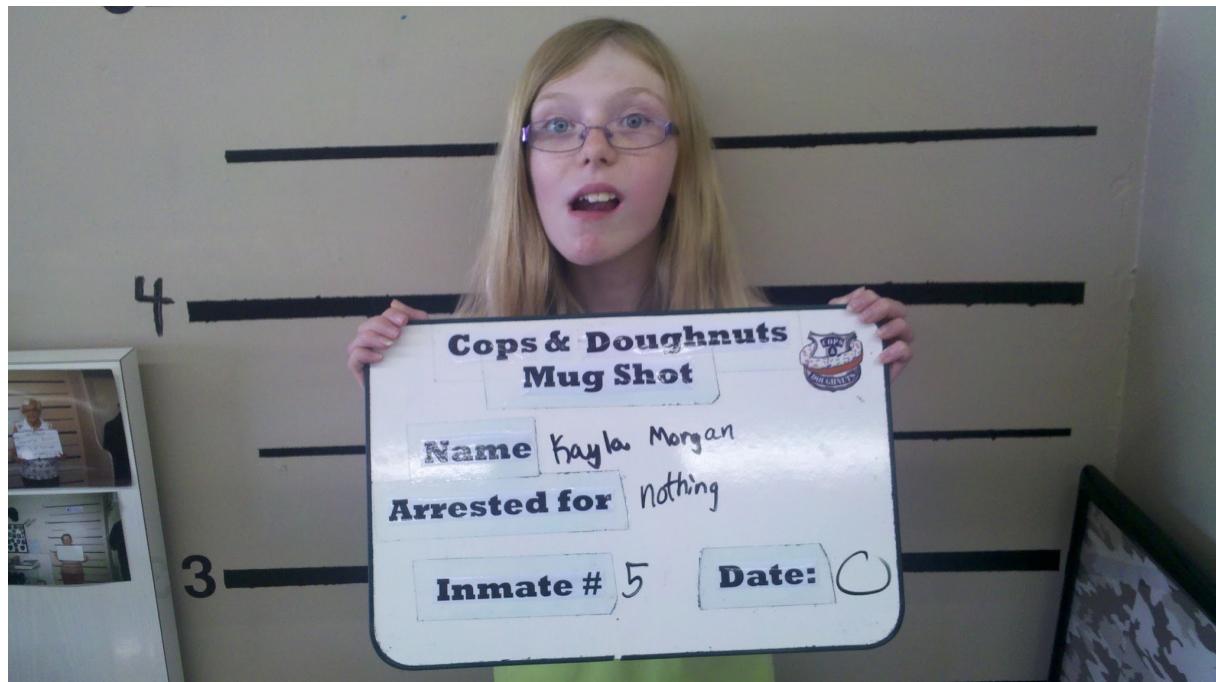
We made a few stops before visiting Cops & Doughnuts, including Jay's Sporting goods where I devoted most of my attention keeping track of all of the kids, and then a military surplus store, where I continuously reminded kids not to touch anything.



And, some people were selling puppies in the parking lot.



After a few more stops, including stops at garage sales, we headed over to Cops & Doughnuts.





Everything went off without a hitch, until we discovered that Noah had picked up a pair of handcuffs the store had on display and snapped them onto his wrists, thinking that they would add some credibility to his police mugshot photos. The only problem was that these were actual handcuffs and, as the Hollidays gradually learned, the shop didn't have the keys for them. The Hollidays ended up taking Noah to the nearby Clare Police station, where the handcuffs were removed by cutting them off.

2 Clare Cops & Doughnuts



We woke up to a very wintry picture outside. It had snowed over night, and this time the snow would be sticking around until mid-morning. Inside, we followed our usual routine. Elijah woke up, fed him a bottle, and then breakfast. But, by mid-morning we were communicating with Louie and coordinating a trip to Clare.

As usual, the doughnuts were good, but of course there was a lot of potential for new photos. Elijah's favorite prop was the jail house wall, but it also didn't take much to get him to stand for his mugshot:



And, he peeked through the barred window in the jailhouse facade:



Josh and Kayla got into the act:





And, we couldn't leave without enjoying a donut:

