

# M&M Photography open in Siletz; owners strive to take it beyond the camera

## Studio offers special discounts this month

By Natasha Kavanaugh

Michelle McKibben and Mandi Smith, both of Siletz, have opened a photography studio in town.

McKibben is married to Nick McKibben and has three ambitious little boys, Kayden, Justin and Brandon. She works at Siletz Valley School.

Smith is married to Siletz Tribal member Darrin Smith and has two productive little girls, Kylee and Maisy. She works at Coca Mocha Joe's in Newport.

Both women have been interested in photography for many years. They say that taking it to this new level was one of the best choices they've made, making families smile and making many new friends along the way.

"In watching our children learn and grow and capturing moments in time, we both realized that we wanted to take photography to the next level. We wanted to give others the experience that we would want to have, capture the same moment that we would want to remember," say Smith and McKibben in their promotional materials.

"We do not want you sit and smile for the camera, we want you being you. Babies laughing, crying or sucking on his/her binky, toddlers jumping up and down or playing with his/her favorite toy. On

your wedding day, we don't want you to pose for us or drag you away from your friends and family. We want to capture you interacting with them, laughing and joking, showing real love between you and your spouse. Please allow us to be a part of capturing your moments in time."

Sessions at M&M Photography are available by appointment only, Monday through Saturday. They include portraits of family, pets, landscapes, school sports, weddings, babies, engagements, senior, school, maternity, outdoor portraits and other studio options.

A one-year family membership for a family of five is \$40 or sitting fees are \$15 per person. You can add your family pet for an additional \$10. M&M requires that a deposit be made when scheduling an appointment.

On May 26 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. they will offer a discount day for those booking a session on that day. Discounts include 10 percent off high school senior packages, \$5 off a family membership or sitting fees, engagements will include a free 11-by-14 photo collage and weddings will include a free 16-by-20 photo collage.

Additionally, you can take advantage of their "refer a friend" program. To qualify, your friend must book a portrait session and you both will receive a free 8-by-10. All you have to do is send M&M an e-mail of who made the referral and

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Mandi Smith (left) and Michelle McKibben welcome friends, family and the community to the grand opening of M&M Photography on April 14 to kick off their new business.



use the code REFERAL02. Only one referral per customer. This will expire Dec. 31, 2012.

You also can visit their Facebook page to receive special offers.

M&M Photography can be reached at 541-444-2136 or 541-272-4010 or by e-mail at mmphotography11@gmail.com; or visit their website at mmphotography11.zenfolio.com.



Mandi Smith (right) tries to draw the attention of a 2-year-old visitor as Michelle McKibben prepares to take a photo during the grand opening of M&M Photography in Siletz on April 14.

## Happy 25<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary to Kristi and Bristo Bayya!

Feb. 14, 1987

Thank you to everyone who joined us on March 31 to celebrate Kristi and Bristo's 25<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. It was a very fun and exciting event and I was glad to see everyone!

I cannot thank Frank Aspria, Bonnie Petersen, Miguel Bransford and Janice Smith for all of their masterful skills in making this party successful. Thank you to Kayla Selsic for helping me with the beautiful engraved cake topper – you saved me! Thank you to Tami Miner and Peggy Medina – without you both during the week before the party it would have been uneventful and full of stress! Laughing is the best medicine!

A special thank you to my Auntie Shelley (Beanie) Selsic not only for your help, but also for your support in planning and getting the party done.



Kristi and Bristo Bayya

This party was a dream and you helped make it come true.

You are all my "party champions" and words cannot express how appreciative I am for all of your help in making this such a special day for me and my family!

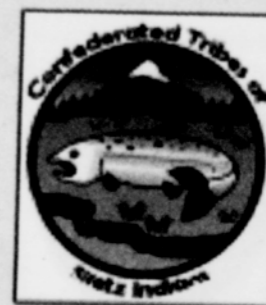
Thank you!  
Kelley Ellis



Over a hundred years ago Black Elk had a vision of the time when Indian People would heal from the devastating effects of European migration. In his vision the Sacred Hoop which had been broken, would be mended in seven generations.

The children born into this decade will be the seventh generation.

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**"When the Children Grow Old ...  
We Want Them to Know We Fought for Them"**

There are many ways to fight to protect our children – one of those ways is by being a foster parent. The Siletz Tribal Indian Child Welfare Department is accepting and recruiting foster homes on behalf of our Tribal children. For more information, call Christy Hurt, foster care certifier, at 800-922-1399, ext. 1338, or 541-444-8338.