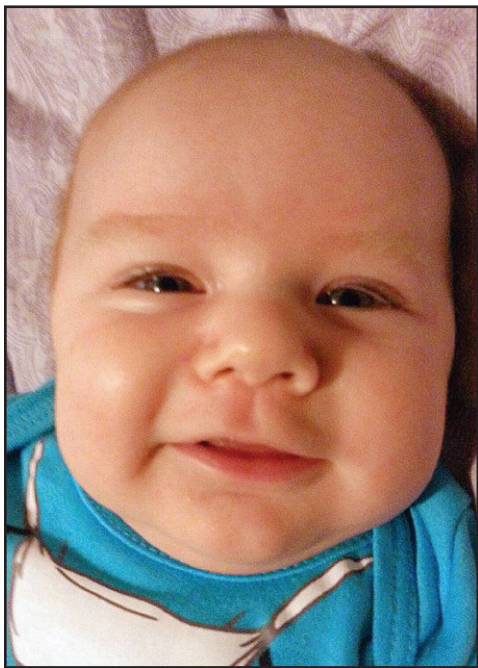




Happy Birthday, babies! We love you!



Kailub Rae Hawk Betts, whose proud mother is Kiah Kearn. Kailub is the grandson of Arthur Betts.

Construction begins on Cascade Head interpretive site

HEBO, Ore. – There was a time when the Salmon River estuary could not have held the flood waters from prolonged periods of rain like we have experienced this winter – especially if that rainfall was matched with a 10-foot tide during a full moon.

Modifications made in the 1960s to support agricultural practices blocked tidal flows, altered stream channels and drained the marshlands of water. By 1974, nearly all of the low tidal marshes of the estuary were diked and many critical tidal streams were inaccessible to rearing salmon that relied on estuaries for their transition from freshwater to the ocean.

In 1978, the Siuslaw National Forest and its partners began working with community members to restore the natural functions of the estuary to benefit salmon, plants, birds, animals and people.

Construction began in early February on an interpretive site north of Lincoln City that will help visitors and residents better understand the estuary's significance and impact.

The interpretive site along North Fraser Road, near the intersection

of Highways 101 and 18, will feature expanded parking with a turn-around for buses, multiple interpretive panels and a short trail providing additional vistas of the Salmon River estuary and Cascade Head.

In addition to information about the area's geology, flora, fauna and cultural significance, the site also will consist of many artistic elements portraying the sinuous tidal channels that are hidden by the marsh grasses yet dominate the estuary.

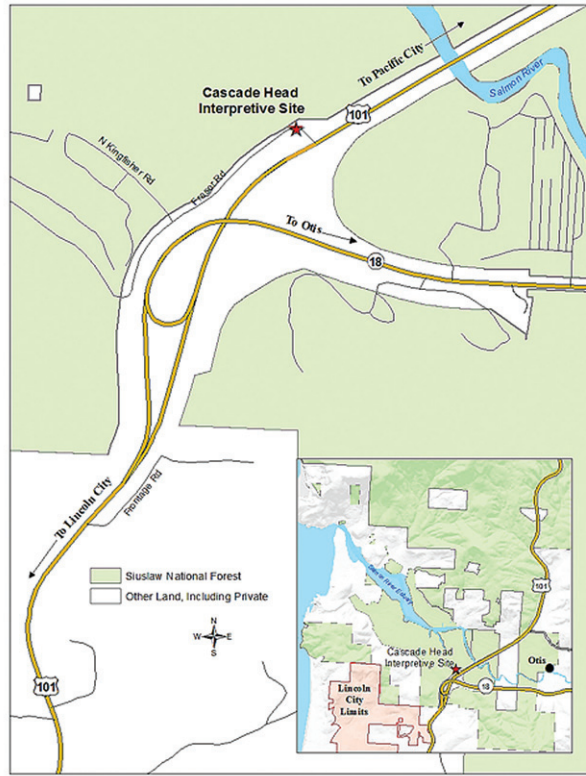
Restoration work has included removal of dikes and tide gates, resetting streambeds to their original paths, removing invasive species and re-establishing native plant communities.

From 2007 to 2014, a housing development, an amusement park and an unfinished marina – all built right on the marsh floor – were removed.

The construction is tentatively slated to be completed later this summer; however, the interpretive and artistic elements will not be completed until December.

The Salmon Drift Creek Watershed Council has been instrumental in meeting with the public to develop the the interpretive elements to be shared at the site.

For more information about this interpretive site and these restoration activities call 541-750-7101.



Passages Policy
 Submissions to Passages are limited to two 25-word items per person, plus one photo if desired. All birthday, anniversary and holiday wishes will appear in the Passages section.
Siletz News reserves the right to edit any submission for clarity and length. Not all submissions are guaranteed publication upon submission.
 Please type or write legibly and submit via e-mail when possible.

For more information about the Siletz Tribe, please visit ctsi.nsn.us.

INTERNATIONAL SILENT AUCTION ART SHOW

SATURDAY, APRIL 2ND 2016

MANY NATIONS LONGHOUSE
EUGENE, OREGON

Each year, the Native American Student Union (NASU) holds a Mother's Day Powwow in honor of all Indigenous mothers at the University of Oregon.

"InterNATIONAl" will exhibit fine pieces of Indigenous artwork for auction and would like to showcase your work among others. All proceeds will go towards funding the Powwow.

We are contacting Indigenous alumni, family and friends asking for art and donations of any medium, shape or size.

At this time, NASU is in need of \$10,000 in order to adequately fund the 48th annual Mother's Day Powwow. Please help us make this year our best yet. NASU greatly appreciates any contributions.

If you are interested in donating, please contact:

Miakah Nix
 NASU Co-Director
miakah@uoregon.edu

ART DONATION DEADLINE: MARCH 14TH, 2016
CASH DONATION DEADLINE: MAY 4TH, 2016

MARINE SCIENCE DAY

hmsc.oregonstate.edu

Join us for our annual open house!
April 9, 2016

Accommodation requests related to disability should be made to the HMSC Director's Office; 541.867.0234

Cutting edge marine research through collaborative partnerships:

Can't wait until April? Come to the HMSC Visitor Center!
hmsc.oregonstate.edu/visitor

2030 S. Marine Science Drive
 Newport, Oregon 97365-5229
 541-867-0226

Labor Day until Memorial Day:
 Open 10 am to 4 pm
 Thurs. through Mon.

Memorial Day until Labor Day:
 Open 10 am to 5 pm
 Seven days a week
 Admission by Donation

MARINE SCIENCE DAY

OSU Hatfield Marine Science Center
 Newport, Oregon

★
Saturday April 9, 2016
 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

FREE Admission!
 No Tickets Required
 Donations Appreciated

Join us for our annual open house! Come experience the research, education and outreach in marine sciences that makes OSU's marine lab unique in the Pacific Northwest.