

Inmates making clothing worn by preemie babies in Salem

Women stitch comfy clothes for newborns

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SALEM — Aurora and Phoenix are snuggled in an isolette in the neonatal intensive care unit at Salem Hospital, wearing matching sleepers with pink hearts almost as big as theirs.

The Thompson Bailey twins, born on Dec. 2, more than four weeks premature, are oblivious to the camera and the spotlight.

They don't know it yet, but they've just notched their first modeling gig.

The twins are among the first babies to wear customized preemie clothing designed and manufactured by inmates at Coffee Creek Correctional Institute, a women's prison in Wilsonville.

A cute and comfy clothing line, made with input from local neonatal intensive care unit nurses, has been developed through a unique partnership between Salem Health and Oregon Corrections Enterprises.

Preemie clothing can be difficult to find, and it isn't functional for infants with wires and tubes attached to their fragile little bodies.

In the past, NICU staff browsed local retail stores,

which have limited selections, and snapped up all the preemie clothes they could.

"You don't want a NICU nurse out shopping when they're supposed to be doing their job," said Jonathan Fetterley, the hospital's former linens services supervisor.

Fetterley was one of the project instigators. He had a conversation with NICU nurse manager Andrea Bell, and they worked with officials at Oregon Corrections Enterprises, which has been providing linen service for Salem Health since 2009.

It took two years, but the first transaction recently was completed. A freshly laundered bag of 150 preemie outfits featuring playful patterns with hearts, stars, puppies and fish was delivered Dec. 12.

Early Christmas present

It was an early Christmas present for the NICU staff and its 18 current patients. The NICU cares for an average of 12 babies at a given time. The number is higher now because there are multiple sets of twins.

The Thompson Bailey twins are thriving. Aurora weighed 2 pounds, 15 ounces when she was born and Phoenix 3 pounds, 2.1 ounces. They now weigh 3 pounds, 10.7 ounces and 3 pounds, 13.7 ounces.

The women on the production team at Coffee Creek were thrilled to hear about the



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Aurora, left, and Phoenix Thompson Bailey, born Dec. 2, wear clothing made by inmates at the Coffee Creek Correctional Institute at the Salem Health Neonatal Intensive Care Unit in Salem.

twins' modeling debut. Team trainer Tammy Traxtle spoke on their behalf by phone from the prison.

"For the entire team, this is special to us," Traxtle said. "We've all given birth. We've all been incarcerated over a year and away from our children. Being a part of a team that gets to make baby clothes has been powerful for all of us."

Nine women make up the team, which is part of the textiles program at Coffee Creek. Oregon Corrections Enterprises is an independently-run program that provides work and on-the-job training for inmates in 10 prisons across the state.

The textiles program trains inmates in the basics of sew-

ing, embroidery and quilting. Top students are hired for the production team.

None of them had experience making baby clothing. Few had any sewing background.

What little experience they had was limited to what Traxtle referred to as straight lines on items such as quilts and bags. She came to the project with commercial sewing training through Oregon Corrections Enterprises.

They started from scratch by taking a couple of regular-sized baby outfits that OCE General Manager Dave Conway had purchased and doing some reverse engineering.

"We shrunk it and shrunk it and shrunk it," Conway said. He also bought an 11-inch

doll for the team to use for sizing. The inmates call her Oceana, pronounced Oh-see-aw-nuh, a play off the Oregon Corrections Enterprises name. She turns 2 in February, and Traxtle said she has the best wardrobe.

Sizing was important. Much of the manufactured clothing for premature infants is too big. So was functionality. Retail preemie clothes are not made to accommodate IVs and feeding tubes.

"In the beginning, it was a lot of trial and error," Traxtle said. "We made templates and then it was a matter of resizing and re-cutting, resizing and re-cutting."

A quarter-inch on a preemie outfit makes a huge difference, and the team wanted them to be just perfect.

Assigned a task

Once they were ready to begin actual production, each team member was assigned a task, such as cutting fabric, serging seams, overlapping seams, making sleeves, sewing parts together, binding for snaps, ribbing on cuffs, and attaching snaps.

The shop has 10 sewing machines in the production area, four serger machines, and two cover-stitch machines. A serger trims the seam allowance and encloses the edge of the fabric to prevent fraying — all in one step.

Traxtle, in charge of quality control, estimates two of every

25 garments made for Salem Health was returned to be fixed or remade.

Finding the right fabric was a challenge. With each sample they tried, they washed and dried it multiple times to test shrinkage.

They chose a cotton and polyester blend from a vendor in Pennsylvania. It's ultra-soft and has just the right stretch.

Nurses and moms on staff at Coffee Creek visited the shop throughout the process, offering their own suggestions.

Samples of a half-dozen different types of outfits were delivered to the hospital for NICU staff to review quality, sizing and design.

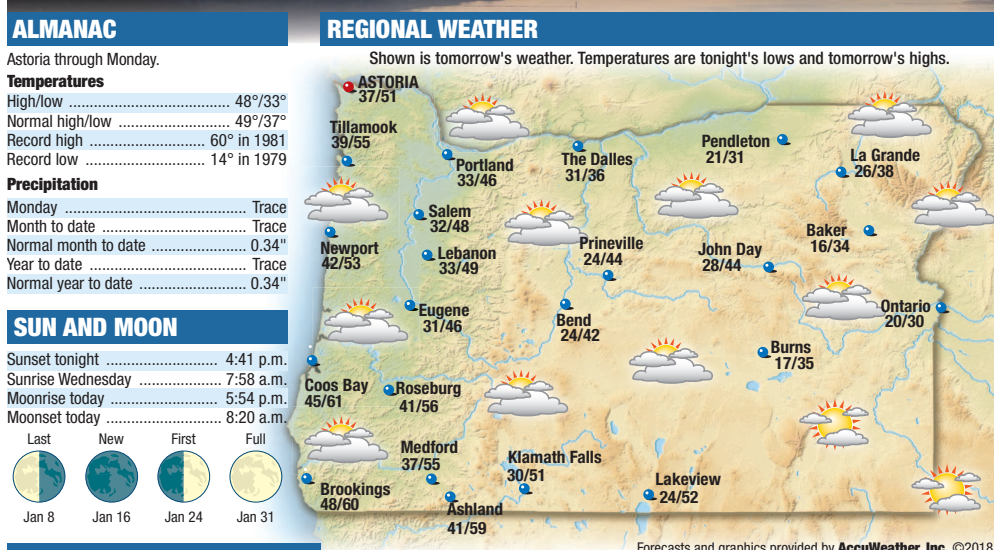
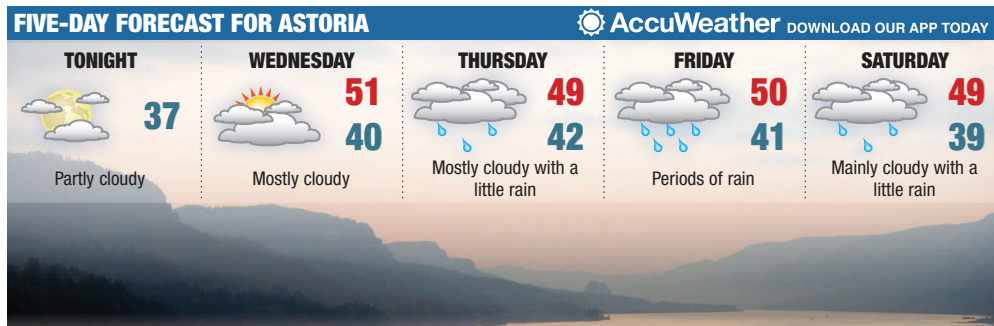
The staff whittled their order down to three styles: onesies, gowns and sleepers without feet.

Staff suggestions, such as relocating snaps that would be in the way of medical tubing, were adopted before final samples were approved.

"That's one of the best parts about this," Fetterley said, "ultimate customization."

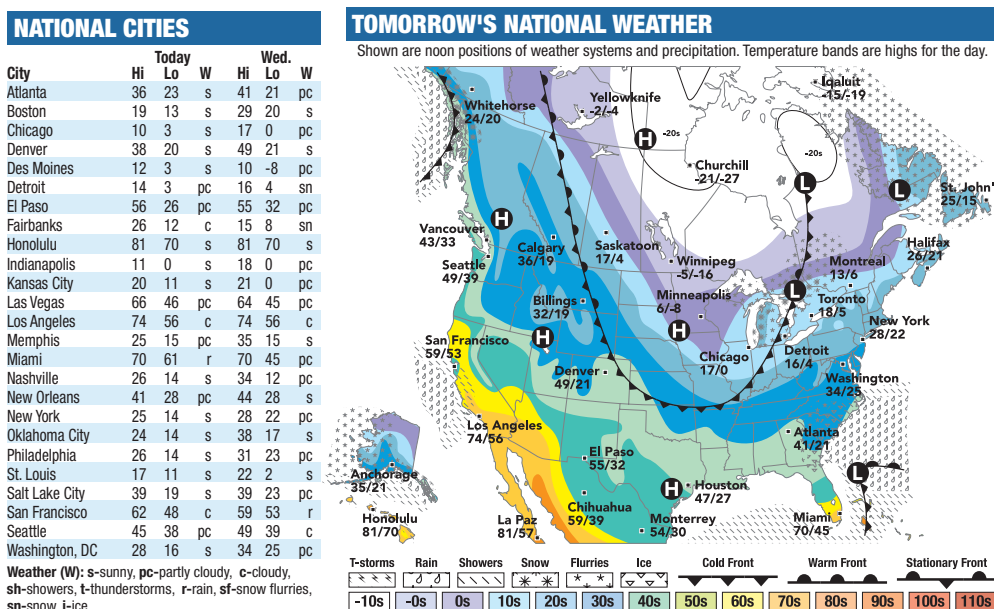
Fetterley, who now works in a different department, joined other hospital officials for the first delivery of preemie clothes. They posed for photographs with Oregon Corrections Enterprises officials and Bell, the NICU nurse manager.

"This one's perfect for tubes and cords and lines," Bell said, holding up a white onesie with purple puppies and pink hearts.



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| Sunrise Wednesday: 7:58 a.m. | | Today | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Moonrise today: 5:54 p.m. | | Hi | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Jan 24 | | Hi | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| UNDER THE SKY | | TOMORROW'S TIDES | |
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| Tonight's Sky: Earth at perihelion, or closest to sun at distance of 91.4 million miles. | | Astoria / Port Docks | |
| Source: Jim Todd, OMSI | | Time | |
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Weather (W): s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, s-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice.

Coast Guard warns against firing flares in nonemergency situations

The Daily Astorian

The Coast Guard is reminding the public of the consequences of illegal flare-lighting after a helicopter crew witnessed multiple flares being fired near Cannon Beach Monday.

An MH-60 Jayhawk helicopter crew from Air Station Astoria responded to a report

of flares at 2 a.m. Monday. The crew witnessed individuals firing dozens of flares from shore before fleeing into the forest.

"It is against the law to fire distress flares unless in an emergency situation," said John Bennett, an operations unit member with Sector Columbia River. "Flares signal that somebody is in im-

mediate danger and needs assistance. False activation can tie up emergency resources and delay the response to genuine emergency calls."

There are severe penalties for the misuse of flares, including the cost of the response. The Coast Guard recommends people report flare sightings to emergency responders.

ON THE RECORD

DUII

- On Monday, Matthew Ayres, 35, from Portland, was arrested by the Clatsop County Sheriff's Office for driving while under the influence of intoxicants. He was pulled over at 27th Street and Marine Drive and registered a 0.19 percent blood alcohol content.
- On Monday, Mario Mutis, 31, of Seattle, was arrested by the Oregon State Police for DUII. He was pulled over at Marine Drive and Sixth Street in Astoria and registered a 0.28 percent blood alcohol content.
- On Monday, Ruben Perez, 47, was arrested by the Astoria Police Depart-

ment for DUII, failure to carry a license and reckless endangerment. He was pulled over at 10th and Commercial streets and registered a 0.20 percent blood alcohol content.

- On Sunday, Paula Arce-neaux, 58, from Hammond, was arrested by the Warrenton Police Department for DUII. She was pulled over at Main Avenue and First Street in Warrenton and registered a 0.13 percent blood alcohol content.
- On Sunday, Tyler Duvall, 44, from Portland, was arrested by the Oregon State Police for DUII. He was

pulled over on U.S. Highway 101 in Astoria, failed a sobriety test and registered a 0.06 percent blood alcohol content.

- On Sunday, Jose Saucedo, 20, from Long Beach, Washington, was arrested by the Clatsop County Sheriff's Office for DUII. He was pulled over in Astoria and registered a 0.18 percent blood alcohol content.

- On Sunday, Brian Young, 44, from Washington state, was arrested by Oregon State Police for DUII. He was pulled over on U.S. Highway 101 in Warrenton and failed a field sobriety test.

DEATHS

Dec. 29, 2017

EARLY, Charles R., 70, of Astoria, died in Astoria. Caldwell's Luze-Layton Mortuary

in Astoria is in charge of the arrangements.

Dec. 28, 2017

LOVEL, Clyde Verl, 66, of

Astoria, died in Astoria. Caldwell's Luze-Layton Mortuary in Astoria is in charge of the arrangements.

PUBLIC MEETINGS

TUESDAY

Seaside Library Board, 4:30 p.m., 1131 Broadway, Seaside.
Miles Crossing Sanitary Sewer District Board, 6 p.m., 34583 U.S. Highway 101

Business.
Astoria City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 1095 Duane St.
Cannon Beach City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 163 E. Gower St.
Seaside Planning Commis-

sion, 7 p.m., City Hall, 989 Broadway.

WEDNESDAY

Gearhart City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 698 Pacific Way.

LOTTERIES

OREGON

Monday's Pick 4:
1 p.m.: 0-6-8-6
4 p.m.: 4-7-2-1
7 p.m.: 5-3-6-2
10 p.m.: 6-2-5-9
Monday's Lucky Lines: 02-05-11-14-20-23-28-32
Estimated jackpot: \$42,000

Monday's Megabucks: 13-18-22-30-35-42
Estimated jackpot: \$6.1 million

WASHINGTON

Monday's Daily Game: 1-0-2
Monday's Hit 5: 05-13-26-36-37

Estimated jackpot: \$120,000
Monday's Keno: 02-03-08-15-19-21-22-23-31-43-45-50-57-58-60-63-65-67-68-74
Monday's Lotto: 13-28-35-37-38-46
Estimated jackpot: \$1.3 million
Monday's Match 4: 07-15-22-24

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