

Sisters salutes...



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Tom Salgado, left, went above and beyond the call of duty in helping others — especially Sisters veterans.

• The community turned out in big numbers to pay respects to Tom Salgado, who died of cancer last month. The tribute was a worthy one. Few have ever done so much to help a population that both needs and deserves assistance. Tom helped veterans navigate the bureaucracy of the Veterans Administration, made sure they got benefits they have earned and helped people to get to medical appointments.

He did it all without fanfare, because it was something he could do and something that needed to be done. We salute Tom Salgado — a giver and a man of dignity and class. You will be missed.

• Carmen Hull wrote: Thank you Bonnie Malone

for your encompassing *Nugget* article on ALS, which has already helped so much to open doors for discussion and sharing. Thank you Pastor Ron Gregg for your generous offer to devote a Sunday service to learning more about ALS and hosting another ice bucket challenge. Special thanks to Aubrey McCauley, development director for the OR/SW Washington ALS Association for your wonderful, informative presentation. Many thanks also to those who attended and dared to participate in the 'chilling' ice bucket event. The ALS Association has declared August every year the ice bucket challenge month until there is a cure.

Sisters Country birds

By Douglas Beall
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Northern pygmy owls (*Glaucidium Gnomia*) hunt during the day. Large insects, rodents and songbirds make up the majority of their diet. Pygmies are found in habitat ranging from deciduous woods to high-elevation fir and spruce forests.

Nesting in tree cavities, the northern pygmy-owl will lay two to seven white eggs and will continue feeding their fledglings for 30-34 days.

At this time the adult male will leave the area and the youngsters are able to hunt for their own prey. In fact these fledglings have been observed hunting only nine days after leaving the nest.

Northern pygmies are active during the daylight, rely on their sense sight to hunt, and will cache uneaten prey and eat it later. This is especially important for small, high-energy species that must eat frequently. Because of their use of sight, they did not develop the good hearing, silent flight, and exceptional night vision that nocturnal owls use in their search for prey.

For more pygmy owl photos visit and enjoy the small things at <http://abirdsingsbecauseithasasong.com/recent-journeys>.



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The northern pygmy owl.

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