

# Donald W. Pigsley – 1936-2015

Born on the Yankton Sioux Reservation in Wagner, S.D., on July 5, 1936, Don was the youngest of 11 children. He passed away on Feb. 4, 2015.

He attended Pierre Indian Boarding School and Parrish Junior High, and graduated from North Salem High School.

Don enjoyed playing baseball, basketball and football during his school years and spending time with all his schoolmates. He continued playing baseball and softball and finally became an avid golfer, which he enjoyed until he was too ill to play.

He was an artist and spent time drawing and gifting his artwork.

He worked at Chemawa Indian School for most of his working life. He loved working with the students, attended their sporting events and was an integral part of the student activities and drum group over the years.

He worked with students and horses on the old school campus. He loved telling stories and talking about his experiences in life. He also enjoyed visiting Chinook Winds Casino Resort.

Don is survived by his wife, Delores; son, Timothy; daughter, Tami Rawel; grandchildren, Timmy, James, Rose,



File photo

Donald W. Pigsley

Daisy, Troy, Kaniesha and Mariah Pigsley; two brothers; three sisters; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his son, Troy, and daughter, Quanna.

Services were held Feb. 8 at St. Edward's Catholic Church in Keizer, Ore., with burial at Chemawa Cemetery.

## Canoe Family Meeting

March 8 • 4 p.m.

Location TBA

If you would like to be involved, contact Tiffany Stuart at 541-444-1100 or [tiffany.wisdom@yahoo.com](mailto:tiffany.wisdom@yahoo.com). She will keep you updated on the location.

For more information about the Siletz Tribe, please visit [ctsi.nsn.us](http://ctsi.nsn.us).

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much larger clinic in 2010; and building more than 150 homes and multiple dwellings for Tribal members, including 20 units at Neachesna Village in Lincoln City that opened in 2009, another eight units there and 19 apartments in Siletz that opened in 2010, plus seven homes in the Tillamook subdivision in Siletz that opened in 2013 and five more that opened in 2014.

The Tribe completed the Siletz Dance House in 1996; opened the Tenas Illahee Childcare Center in 2003; opened the Tillicum Fitness Center and a new USDA food distribution warehouse in Siletz in 2008; and opened the Siletz Rec Center in 2009.

The Siletz Tribal Arts and Heritage Society also brought back the annual Indian Fair in 2014.

Through its economic development division, the Siletz Tribal Business Corporation, the Tribe purchased the Lincoln Shores office complex in Lincoln City in 2001 and opened the Siletz Gas & Mini-Mart in Siletz in 2004, the Logan Road RV Park in Lincoln City in 2004 and the Hee Hee Illahee RV Resort in Salem in 2006. The Tribe purchased the Imprints printing business in Lincoln City in 2008.

Tribal offices in Portland, Salem and Eugene are housed in Tribally owned

buildings. The Eugene office moved to its current location in 2005, the Salem office did the same in 2006 and the Portland office moved to its current location in 2008.

The Tribe also played a lead role in opening Siletz Valley School in 2003 and the Siletz Valley Early College Academy in 2006.

Chinook Winds Casino in Lincoln City opened in May 1995. In June 2004, the Siletz Tribe purchased the former Shilo Inn adjacent to the casino and opened Chinook Winds Casino Resort. Chinook Winds Golf Resort opened in April 2005 when the Tribe purchased the former Lakeside Golf and Fitness Center in Lincoln City.

The combination of Tribal employees and those at Chinook Winds Casino Resort has allowed the Siletz Tribe to become the largest employer in Lincoln County.

The Siletz Tribe has honored its tradition of sharing within the community by distributing more than \$11.5 million through the Siletz Tribal Charitable Contribution Fund and other Tribal resources. Chinook Winds has donated more than \$2.8 million in cash and fund-raising items since 1995. It also provides in-kind donations of convention space for various fund-raisers as well as technical support, advertising and manpower for events.

## Babies!



## Skylar Rose Belgarde

With love from Grandma Belgarde and Grandma Rose

Welcome Skylar Rose Belgarde, born Jan. 23, 2015, to Brian Belgarde and Jessica Henrey.

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Courtesy photos

Siletz Tribal Arts and Heritage Society Board members, including Sharon Edenfield, Margo Hudson, Gloria Ingle, David Hatch, Kathy Kentta Robinson and Teresa Simmons, plus Tribal Planner Pamela Barlow-Lind visit with Tim Fisher at the Yaquina Head Interpretive Center.

maintain an old roof. Fortunately, the roof is scheduled to be replaced this summer.

We were greeted by BLM Facility Manager Tim Fisher. He not only offered a tour of the facility, but also spent the entire morning giving insight into the operation of the interpretive center, including the cost, educational opportunities to the public, staffing and marketing.

It is interesting to note that the Yaquina Head property operates through several organizations, including the State of Oregon, the Bureau of Land Management, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the U.S. Coast Guard working cooperatively.

In addition to hired staff, it takes more than 10,000 volunteer hours to operate the park with 95,000 people who visit the interpretive center annually and more than 350,000 who visit the lighthouse and tide pools.

Fisher shared how the history of the indigenous people and the ancestors of the Siletz Tribe is being incorporated into new outdoor site signs and he was most interested in continuing to work with the Tribe to help improve the information presented to the visitors to Yaquina Head.

He wanted to be sure we reminded all Siletz Tribal members that access to the site is free with your Tribal I.D. card.