

Girls basketball names head coach

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Correspondent

Casey Pallister has been named as the new head coach for the girls basketball program, and is looking forward to the challenge. Casey, along with his wife, Meghan, and their four boys, Jayden, Hunter, Ian and Reed, have lived in Sisters three years. Casey jumped right into coaching immediately, and for the past three years has coached the girls junior varsity, and also been the assistant varsity coach.

That experience makes him very familiar with the program, and the transition should be smooth and seamless.

Pallister started playing basketball when he was five years old, and played all the way through high school. Casey played as point guard on the varsity team while attending Jefferson High School in Boulder, Montana.

Pallister and his wife both grew up in Boulder. While Casey was finishing up his graduate work in Eugene, they visited Sisters on numerous occasions.

In 2010, Pallister got a job teaching at Culver High School. At the time, they lived in Redmond, and Casey would commute to Culver, and Meghan would commute to Sisters to teach preschool for SPRD. Casey was the boys JV coach and the assistant varsity coach at Culver for two years.

"We've always liked Sisters," said Pallister. "It's a quaint little town, and when I was teaching in Culver, we dreamed about moving to

Sisters."

Together, they made their dream happen, and moved their family to Sisters in 2013. Casey has taught social studies at Sisters Middle School for the past two years, and next year will move to the high school to teach.

Pallister is excited to step into his new role as head coach, and has big plans for the program.

"I want people to know the program is going to be new, and it's going to take a different course," said Pallister.

Casey told *The Nugget* that there will be a strong focus on fundamental skills, a focus on man-to-man defense, and a focus to put together an offense that can be used program-wide, from youth through high school.

Pallister also noted that he will work to maximize the strengths that the team already has, which is strength and technique in the post position. He plans to place players in positions that will be most effective, and work on playing a tempo that suits the Lady Outlaws, which he said will ideally be a slower and more controlled pace.

Pallister shared his goals and vision for the team and the program.

"I want us to be competitive in league, and basically have the seniors walk away feeling like they've had a successful season, regardless of the record. I see this first group of girls as the vanguards of the program. They've got a big responsibility of setting the tone of the program for the many players coming up.

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Casey Pallister is the new head coach for Outlaws girls basketball.

girls basketball a popular sport in this town, and that comes with connections with the community, parents, teachers, and players. I want to have three teams (freshman, JV, and varsity) every year."

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— Casey Pallister

Pallister is excited about coaching, but told *The Nugget* that he knows there's a lot to learn as a head coach.

"It's kind of like teaching," he said. "You can take a lot of classes, and learn by watching others, but I've found that the experience of doing it helps me learn most effectively."

Obituary

William "Bill" Aldrich Battey III

June 8, 1945 – June 8, 2015

William "Bill" Aldrich Battey III, 70, of Sisters, Oregon died at home on Monday, June 8, 2015.

He was born in Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania on June 8, 1945 to the late Mia and William Battey. Bill graduated from Swarthmore High School in 1963 and earned his bachelor's degree in Psychology from Westminster College in 1968. He married Diane Elizabeth Moss shortly thereafter on June 22, 1968.

Bill volunteered to serve his country and was commissioned as an officer in the United States Marine Corps in 1968. Bill was awarded a Purple Heart and a Distinguished Flying Cross for his heroism while flying combat CH-53 helicopter missions in Vietnam.

After 10 years of military service, Bill transitioned his aviation career flying for Keystone Helicopters, MBB (Messerschmitt Bolkow

Blohm), Atlantic Aviation and finally to Boeing, serving as manager of V22 business development in Philadelphia until his retirement. Bill spent his retired life pursuing his love of RV family travel, retired greyhounds, and riding his Harley Davidson.

Bill is survived by his wife, Diane Battey, of Sisters; their three children Robert Battey (Bend, OR), Jonathan Battey (Maple Valley, WA), and Lieutenant Commander Lydia Battey Haase (Active Duty Navy). He is also survived by seven grandchildren.

Bill will be buried at Arlington Cemetery. Donations in memory of Bill to the Semper Fi Fund (www.sempertifund.org) in lieu of flowers would be appreciated. Donations can be mailed to: Semper Fi Fund, 825 College Blvd., Ste. 102, PMB 609, Oceanside, CA 92057.

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