

# Girls soccer names new head coach

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Jenna Pike was recently selected as the new head coach for girls soccer at Sisters High School (SHS) and is excited with her new position.

Jenna (Sneva) Pike graduated from SHS in 2009 and played on the girls varsity soccer team for four years. As a freshman and sophomore, Jenna played back-up goalie and then her junior and senior years she played on defense, at both stopper and sweeper.

Pike had hopes of playing in college, either as a walk-on in soccer or in skier-cross. Due to numerous previous concussions, the doctor advised her not to participate further in sports, so she decided she would pursue coaching.

Jenna attended Oregon State University and graduated in 2014 with a degree in psychology. In 2015, she married Remington Pike, and the couple decided to move back to Sisters and put down roots. The Pikes started a livestock business, Splitting Aces, and raise and sell beef. They supply Sisters Saloon with all their beef.

In addition to working alongside her husband

in their livestock business, Jenna pursued available coaching opportunities. In 2014, she was girls soccer assistant coach, under former head coach Audrey Tehan, and last year she was the girls JV coach.

Pike is very familiar with the program, and the step up to head coach should be an easy transition. Last year, the Outlaws graduated nine seniors, so basically the girls Pike will be working with are from her JV squad.

Over the last two years as an assistant in the program and as the JV coach, Pike commented that she's learned much that will be helpful in her new role.

Jenna said, "It was super-interesting to see the coaches trying to grow the student-athletes, and it was fascinating how the girls really picked up on that, and I could see them mature throughout the season.

"I've had quite a bit of experience already in problem-solving with the girls, which will be very helpful. There's always multiple views, and in the last two years I've been able to see and understand where the girls were coming from, and also explain to them the coaches' viewpoint."

Pike has always loved coaching, but told *The Nugget* she is most comfortable with soccer, which makes for a perfect fit. Two specifics were big motivators in Pike's decision to accept the position.

"First, I wanted to give back to the program that I was a part of for four years," said Pike. "And the second is that in dealing with concussion awareness, I realized that treatment for concussions has become a fear-based tactic. I want to correct that assumption, and let people know that concussions are not scary. They just need to be treated like any other injury. I figured soccer would be a good place to start."

The Lady Outlaws will be a very young team this coming season, and Pike told *The Nugget* she wants to set a foundation for the girls soccer program that is respected by the other programs in the state, and respected by her student-athletes and their parents.

Jenna also stated she wants to provide a safe and



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Jenna Pike is Sisters' new girls' soccer coach.

fun environment that makes the girls want to return every year, which will in turn grow the roster. Pike has hopes the girls will give it their all on the field in practice and in every game, and grow from the experience.

"I'm excited to be the head coach for the girls program," said Pike. "Rob (boys head coach) and I will work extremely hard to grow the boys and girls soccer program in general. I'm excited to really pull together the varsity and JV to make it a better and stronger program."

# City seeks to award grants

The City of Sisters is seeking to award grants to non-profit community groups and other entities for the 2016-17 fiscal year, beginning July 1.

The City will award up to a total of \$20,000 in grants for Sisters community projects or programs that meet the following criteria:

- Provide assistance for essential food, clothing or shelter.
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- Generate or support economic activity in Sisters.

Interested organizations should submit a community grant application (available on the City's website or at City Hall) and letter of interest by July 8, attention Kathy Nelson, City Recorder.

For information contact Nelson at Sisters City Hall, P.O. Box 39, 520 E. Cascade Ave., 541-323-5213 or [knelson@ci.sisters.or.us](mailto:knelson@ci.sisters.or.us).

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