

FENDALL:

Family will stay at home in Sisters

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“When I got out of college coaching I told people I was doing it to spend more time with my family, since that sounded like the noble reason to do it, but over the years it’s actually been my kids who have been positive about the idea of me going back to the college ranks,” he said. “We’ve been tossing this around for more than a couple of years and now that the kids are older it’s workable.”

In truth, Fendall explained, he was spending very long days at the high school level, away from home.

“You’re up early to prepare for teaching, have class all day, then spend three hours after school at practice, wrap things up and get home well past dinner time,” he said. “I would be home for half an hour, and it would be time for bed.”

Fendall says the draw for him of college coaching is the focus he can have on the nitty-gritty of the game without a lot of non-coaching duties to deal with.

Southern Oregon is in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA), which is a governing body similar to the NCAA. The football team competes in the Frontier Conference, which is made up of Eastern Oregon, College of Idaho, and four Montana schools.

For other sports, SOU competes in the Cascade Conference, which includes more of the small colleges in Oregon.

The players are doing winter conditioning until spring

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practices start in March, according to Fendall.

“I am learning a lot about the language the coaching staff uses for the Xs and Os of playmaking and strategy,” he said. “The coaches are working together to label things in a way that works for our new group.”

According to Fendall, SOU is on the rebound after struggles in recent years following the death of their head coach and the challenges of the pandemic. But he thinks they are moving into a good place going forward.

“I am jumping in at the right time and I think the team will make up for the big gap of the past two years when the Montana and Idaho schools were not as shut down as things were here in Oregon, so they operated almost as business as usual,” he said.

Fendall is excited about his return to the college level.

“My brain thrives on the problem-solving and creativity of the game,” he said. “I have a massive addiction to the film and the diagramming, and I don’t just learn something and keep doing that. I am a tinkerer and like to try new things. I love it.”

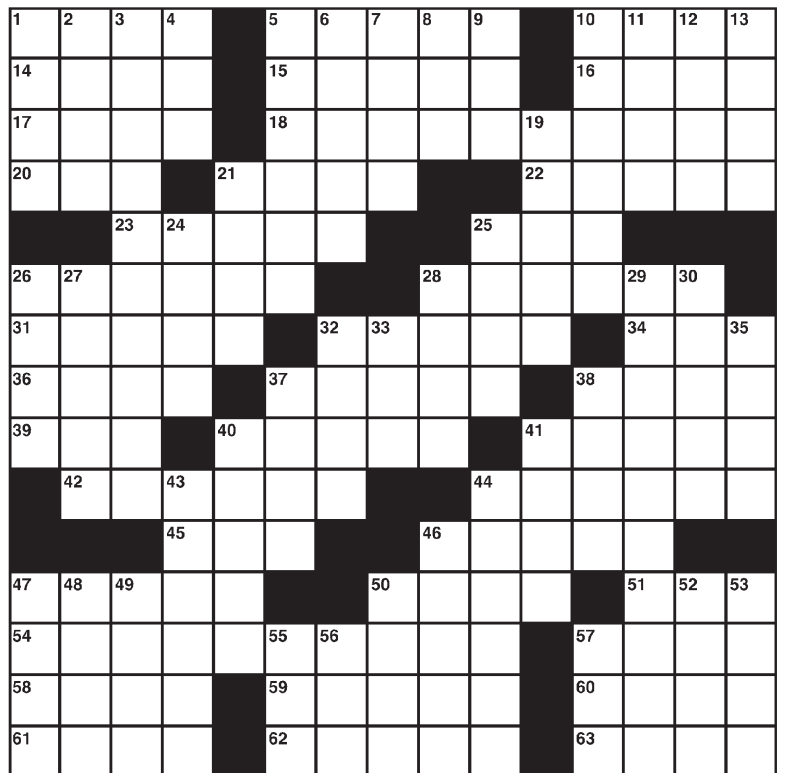
In taking on a job away from home, Fendall points back to the Sisters community for all of its support of him and his family.

“We will always have a place here,” he said.

The Nugget Newspaper Crossword

By Jacqueline E. Mathews, Tribune News Service

- ACROSS**
- 1 Cathedral projection
 - 5 Daisylike flower
 - 10 West or Sandler
 - 14 ___ salmon; tasty fish
 - 15 Allen or Woodpecker
 - 16 Like fast-food orders
 - 17 Reddish horse
 - 18 Game for a good thrower
 - 20 Stately tree
 - 21 Toy with a tail
 - 22 Groups of cattle
 - 23 Post or Procter
 - 25 Mr. Franklin
 - 26 Make less tense, as a situation
 - 28 Shores
 - 31 Enlarges a hole
 - 32 Stanford Univ.’s location
 - 34 Walk-___; some NYC apartments
 - 36 Forms a curve
 - 37 From the neighborhood
 - 38 Nest location
 - 39 Neckwear
 - 40 Fiesta
 - 41 Biblical bread from heaven
 - 42 ___ James Olmos
 - 44 Crab Louie & coleslaw
 - 45 Animal carrier
 - 46 Foyt or Unser
 - 47 Baby deliverer?
 - 50 Role on “Bonanza”
 - 51 Rip ___; steal from
 - 54 Daring
 - 57 Largest So. African ethnic group
 - 58 Tool with a curved blade
 - 59 Spend foolishly
 - 60 Tip jar bills
 - 61 Apollo 11 destination
 - 62 Raise AKC dogs
 - 63 Bettor’s concern
- DOWN**
- 1 43,560 square feet
 - 2 Gym amenity
 - 3 Embarrassed
 - 4 Geologic time unit
 - 5 In ___; pretty soon
 - 6 Like a chimney flue
 - 7 ___ into; attacked
 - 8 Koch & Bradley
 - 9 Deli loaf
 - 10 Greece’s largest city
 - 11 Portal
 - 12 Middle-___; neither old nor young
 - 13 Velvety ground cover
 - 19 Bundle of grain stalks
 - 21 Smooch
 - 24 “___ the word!”
 - 25 Very sore spot
 - 26 “Darn it!”
 - 27 Uncanny
 - 28 Play-Doh
 - 29 Do a 180
 - 30 Empty one’s wallet
 - 32 Lamp-to-outlet connector
 - 33 Stamp ___ of 1765; colonists’ bane
 - 35 Bering & Caspian
 - 37 Ground-dwelling songbird
 - 38 Yarn
 - 40 Hooded jacket
 - 41 Big ___; fast-food burgers
 - 43 President Harding
 - 44 Was impudent
 - 46 Mailman’s beat
 - 47 Ponzi scheme
 - 48 Make a ___ list; survey one’s tasks
 - 49 Anise-flavored aperitif
 - 50 Rubber tube
 - 52 Ran away
 - 53 Be persnickety
 - 55 Clinton’s successor, for short
 - 56 Pinna’s location
 - 57 Bronx tourist stop



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Columnist

Are you curious about the long list of books nominated for the 2022 Deschutes Public Library “A Novel Idea” community reading program?

“Swimming Back to Trout River” by Linda Rui Feng

In the summer of 1986, in a small Chinese village, Junie receives a letter from her parents who fled to America years ago. They want to reunite their family with her father, Momo, promising to bring her to America before her 12th birthday.

But Junie loves living with her grandparents in the countryside and isn’t sure she wants to leave. What Junie doesn’t know is that her parents are no

longer living together. They both endured tragedies in their youth during China’s Cultural Revolution and harbor family secrets. Who is the violinist Momo knew years ago? And can Junie’s mother, Cassia, overcome a brutal act from her past? Told in alternating chapters from the past to the present, family traditions are at the center of this story about love, immigration, culture, and growing up.

Feng’s debut novel is filled with grace and honesty. It is a poetically written book that talks about a family’s struggles and connections, yet leaves readers with hope.

Explore the full list of 2022 A Novel Idea nominated books at www.deschuteslibrary.org.

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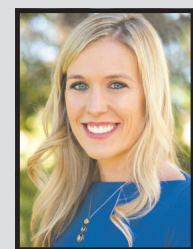
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