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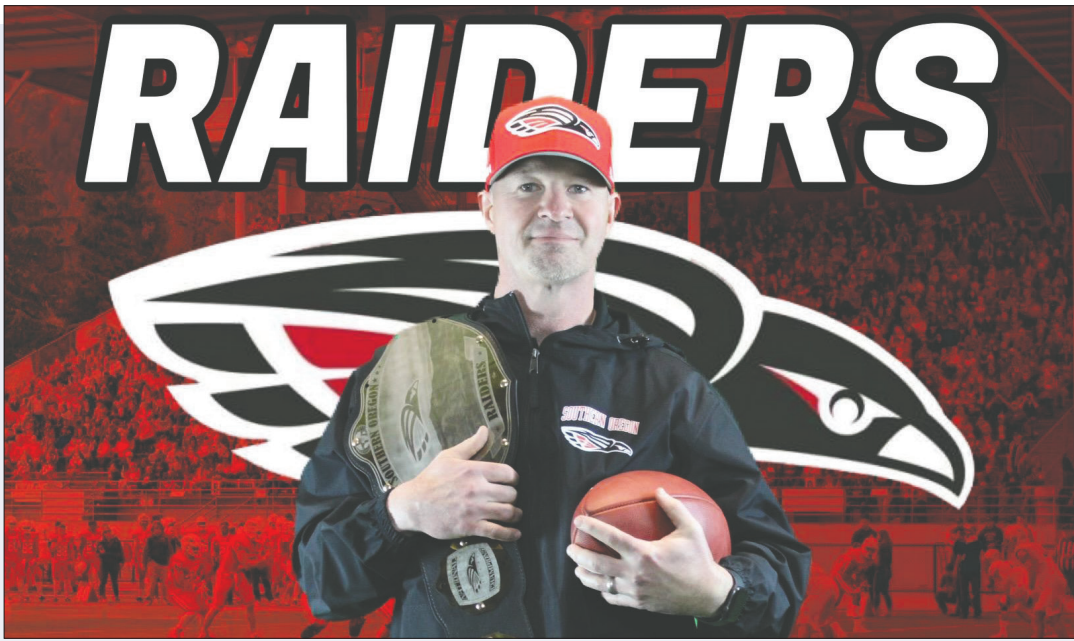


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Neil Fendall has accepted a coaching position at Southern Oregon University.

Coach moves back to college ranks

By Charlie Kanzig
Correspondent

If there is such a thing as a “football family,” the Fendalls — Neil, Lynne, Taylor, Hannah, and Gracie — are it.

Neil Fendall recently accepted the job as defensive coordinator and safeties coach for the Southern Oregon University Red Raiders (SOU) and is already on the job in Ashland.

It is a return to the college ranks for Fendall.

In speaking with *The Nugget*, Fendall first and foremost wanted to make clear that the rest of the family is not going anywhere.

“I am going to be home weekends on the weeks that I need to be on-site in Ashland,” he said. “The rest of the family is staying put because of all the places we have ever lived, [this] is the

place we consider home.”

Taylor attends Linfield and plays football, Hannah is a junior at Sisters High School, and Gracie is in eighth grade at Sisters Middle School. Lynne works as the secretary to the superintendent at the district office.

“Clearly, we are enmeshed in the Sisters community,” Neil said.

Fendall, who coached football for five years in Sisters beginning in 2015 and most recently held the head position at the new Caldera High School in Bend, is no stranger to college coaching. Following high school jobs in Grants Pass and Oregon City, Fendall coached at the college level for a total of nine years, at Linfield and Cal Poly.

The new job came about over time, according to

Fendall.

“This was not a quick decision,” he said. “I have known the head coach, Charlie Hall, there for many years and we have kept in touch, so when this opening came up he reached out to me.”

With that said, Fendall knew it had to be the right opportunity for him to make the jump.

“I wanted something that was a drivable distance from Sisters, with the right staff and some level of familiarity. We lived in southern Oregon before and the distance is very manageable,” he said.

“Plus, when I went down to interview, I got a really good feeling about the place, the players, and the other coaches, which sealed my decision.

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Sisters filmmaker to debut in Texas festival

“The Outside Circle: A Film of the Modern West” will have its world premier in “the best little documentary film festival in Texas” March 23-27.

Thin Line Fest is in its 15th year in Denton, Texas.

The Outside Circle depicts western artist Len Babb, a fifth-generation rancher, and a Paiute-Shoshone rodeo champion, all of whom are determined to preserve their heritage, traditions, and livelihoods. The Outside Circle explores the common thread

in their modest adherence to the values of faith, family, friends, and community.

Writer Craig Rullman makes his directorial debut with the film.

According to Rullman, the festival slot is a major step in getting wide distribution for the documentary, which was filmed in Paisley, Oregon, and in northern Nevada. Sam Pyke of Hill Shadow Pictures in Sisters is cinematographer on the film. Sisters filmmaker Cody Rheault also contributed to the film.

Local woman finds blessings during crisis

By Katy Yoder
Correspondent

Tracy Lynn Lisius (Hendrickson) is a Sisters resident, a mom, and — before her health declined — an employee with the U.S. Forest Service. She’s an example of what can happen when medical issues deplete and eventually decimate savings.

Before her health worsened, she was living a full life.

“I was trying to be my most healthy self, keeping fit and active. I worked full-time on fire incidents in Central Oregon,” she said.

Now using a power chair and special upright walker, she only leaves home for doctor’s appointments. Her life

has changed in many ways, but her attitude remains positive.

“I still enjoy leaving my sparkle of hope with people. I like to smile a lot,” she said from the home she shares with her son and service dog, Lulu.

Tracy Lynn has Ehlers-Danlos Syndrome (EDS), as well as a condition called dysautonomia. Because EDS is rare and has a complicated set of possible symptoms, she was misdiagnosed for most of her life. EDS is a syndrome often referred to as rare connective tissue disorder. Once she understood her symptoms and began working with a

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SISTERS AREA MEETING CALENDAR

BOARDS, GROUPS, CLUBS

Al-Anon Mon., noon. / Thurs., 10 a.m., Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church. 541-610-7383.

Alcoholics Anonymous Thurs. & Sun., 7 p.m., Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration / Sat., 8 a.m., Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration / Mon., 5 p.m., Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church / Big Book study, Tues., noon, Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church / Gentlemen’s meeting, Wed., 7 a.m., Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church / Sober Sisters Women’s meeting, Thurs., noon, Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church / Step & Tradition meeting, Fri., noon, Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church. 541-548-0440.

Black Butte Ranch Bridge Club Tuesdays, 12:30 p.m., BBR community room. Partner required. 541-595-6236.

Central Oregon Fly Tyers Guild For Saturday meeting dates and location, email: steelefly@msn.com.

Central OR Spinners and Weavers Guild One Saturday per month, Jan. thru Oct. For schedule: 541-639-3217.

Council on Aging of Central Oregon Senior Lunch Tues., Wed., Thurs 12:30-1 p.m. Sisters Community Church. 541-480-1843.

East of the Cascades Quilt Guild 4th Wednesday (September-June), Stitchin’ Post. All are welcome. 541-549-6061.

Go Fish Fishing Group 3rd Monday, 7 p.m. Sisters Community Church. All ages welcome. 541-771-2211.

Heartwarmers (fleece blanketmakers) 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 1 p.m., Sisters City Hall. Materials provided. 541-408-8505.

Hero Quilters of Sisters Thursday, 1 to 4 p.m. 541-668-1755.

Citizens4Community, Let’s Talk 3rd Monday, 5:30 to 8 p.m. RSVP at citizens4community.com

Military Parents of Sisters Meetings are held quarterly; please call for details. 541-388-9013.

Oregon Band of Brothers – Sisters Chapter Wednesdays, 11:30 a.m., Takoda’s Restaurant. 541-549-6469.

SAGE (Senior Activities, Gatherings & Enrichment) Monday-Friday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Sisters Park & Recreation District. 541-549-2091.

Sisters Aglow Lighthouse 4th Saturday, 10 a.m., meeting by Zoom. 503-930-6158.

Sisters Area Photography Club 2nd Wednesday, 3:30 p.m., at Sisters Community Church. 541-549-6157.

Sisters Area Woodworkers 1st Tuesday, 7 to 9 p.m. 541-231-1897.

Sisters Astronomy Club 3rd Tuesday, 7 p.m., SPRD. 541-549-8846.

Sisters Bridge Club Thursdays, 12:30 p.m. at Sisters Community Church. Email sistersbridge2021@gmail.com.

Sisters Caregiver Support Group 3rd Tues., 10:30 a.m., Village Green Park. 541-771-3258.

Sisters Cribbage Club Please call for details. 541-923-1632.

Sisters Habitat for Humanity Board of Directors 4th Tuesday, 6 p.m. Location information: 541-549-1193.

Sisters Kiwanis Thursdays, 7 to 8:30 a.m., Brand 33 Restaurant at Aspen Lakes. 541-410-2870.

Sisters Parent Teacher Community 2nd Tuesday, 6:30 p.m. at Sisters Saloon. 541-480-5994.

Sisters Parkinson’s Support Group 2nd Thurs., 1 p.m. Sisters Library. 541-668-6599

Sisters Red Hats 1st Friday. Location information: 541-279-1977.

Sisters Rotary 1st and 3rd Tuesdays, Noon, Aspen Lakes. 541-760-5645.

Sisters Trails Alliance Board 1st Monday, 5 p.m. Sisters Library. Public welcome. 808-281-2681.

Sisters Veterans Thursdays, noon, Takoda’s Restaurant. 541-903-1123.

Three Sisters Irrigation District Board of Directors 1st Tuesday, 4 p.m., TSID Office. 541-549-8815.

Three Sisters Lions Club 2nd Thursday, 6:30 p.m., Spoons Restaurant. 541-419-1279.

VFW Post 8138 and American Legion Post 86 1st Wednesday, 6:30 p.m., Sisters City Hall. 541-903-1123.

Weight Watchers Thursdays, 8:30 a.m. weigh-in, Sisters Community Church. 541-602-2654.

SCHOOLS

Black Butte School Board of Directors 2nd Tuesday, 3:45 p.m., Black Butte School. 541-595-6203

Sisters School District Board of Directors One Wed. monthly, SSD Admin Bldg. See schedule online at www.ssd6.org. 541-549-8521 x5002.

CITY & PARKS

Sisters City Council 2nd & 4th Wednesday, 6:30 p.m., Sisters City Hall. 541-549-6022.

Sisters Park & Recreation District Board of Directors 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 4:30 p.m., SPRD bldg. 541-549-2091.

Sisters Planning Commission 3rd Thursday, 5:30 p.m., Sisters City Hall. 541-549-6022.

FIRE & POLICE

Black Butte Ranch Police Dept. Board of Directors Meets monthly. 541-595-2191 for time & date.

Black Butte Ranch RFPD Board of Directors 4th Thursday, 9 a.m., Black Butte Ranch Fire Station. 541-595-2288.

Cloverdale RFPD Board of Directors 3rd Wed., 5:30 p.m., 67433 Cloverdale Rd. 541-548-4815. cloverdalefire.com.

Sisters-Camp Sherman RFPD Board of Directors 3rd Tuesday, 5 p.m., Sisters Fire Hall, 541-549-0771.

Sisters-Camp Sherman RFPD Drills Tuesdays, 7 p.m., Sisters Fire Hall, 301 S. Elm St. 541-549-0771.

This listing is for regular Sisters Country meetings; email information to beth@nuggetnews.com