

New adult care facility set to open

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Absolute Serenity has been caring for elders in their sunset years since David and Leah Tolle opened their first home in Sisters in 2009.

Pennington Place, at 182 E. Tall Fir Ct. in Sisters, will open mid-January or early February. It is named after Absolute Serenity resident Richard Pennington. Absolute Serenity cared for Gina Pennington, who passed under their attentive care.

“Now we take care of her husband, Richard,” David explained.

Pennington Place will be Absolute Serenity’s third

adult foster-care home in Sisters — each named for a resident. According to David, so naming the homes is a way to honor people who have made a lasting impact on the program.

“Basically all these residents have helped us become what we are now,” David says.

Others who have played a key role in making Absolute Serenity a key service for Sisters’ elder population are the on-site, live-in managers of the homes.

Wendy Waltosz is the manager at Helen’s House and is “a huge factor in our growth,” David says.

Wendy came to Absolute

Serenity as a caregiver, with some experience in caring for family members, but no formal experience in adult foster-care.

“As she started, she loved it, she says it was a passion, it’s what she wanted to do,” David recalled.

David and Leah got Wendy trained and certified to be a manager — and Wendy ran with it.

Once we got her going, she was just amazing,” David says.

Anna’s Home Manager Ashley Raymond came highly recommended from adult foster-care facilities in Redmond. Absolute Serenity’s exceptional willingness to accommodate the needs of their managers made a position there workable for Ashley. Anna’s home offers a separate living apartment with its own entrance, so Ashley could live and work there with her family.

“She was young,” David says, “but she’s really energetic and had the willingness to just do whatever it took... She’s just been a rock star.”

The Sisters community at large — from medical providers to contractors and service-providers — have been



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May, Bill, and Maryann make Chinese dumplings with exchange teachers.

tremendously supportive of Absolute Serenity, recognizing the vital need they fill in the community.

They fill that need in an exceptional way. Each home is comfortable and intimate — a home rather than a “facility.” From the beginning, David and Leah wanted Absolute Serenity to be a place apart from the run-of-the-mill. What makes Absolute Serenity different?

“I think it’s truly looking at it as a family,” David says.

Residents feel that sense of family — and so do their loved ones who come to visit. Visitors come in and “it’s like walking in to mom and dad’s place,” David says.

Pennington Place will be the final home for Absolute Serenity in Sisters.

“That’s it for Sisters,” David says. “And we’re really on the fence about future growth into other areas.”

With Absolute Serenity, the priority is — and always will be — creating that healthy, safe, family environment for elders through end-of-life. The very name Absolute Serenity marks the commitment to providing a sense of peace and security — not only for the residents but for the families who love them, knowing that their beloved elder is in capable and loving hands.

For more information or to inquire about openings at Pennington Place, visit www.absoluteserenity.info or contact Absolute Serenity at Pennington’s Place, 182 E. Tall Fir Ct.; 541-848-3194; or absoluteserenity@ymail.com.



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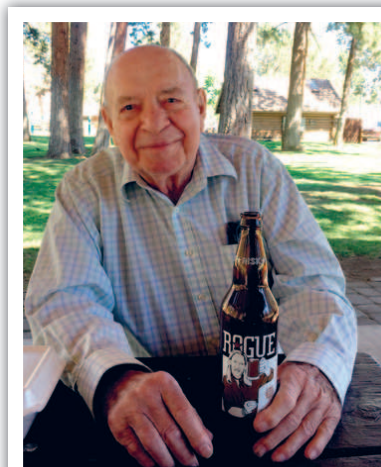
Shannon Rackowski from SPRD doing chair aerobics with residents.

PENNINGTON’S PLACE - OPENING SOON!

After six and a half years of operating Helen’s House and five months at Anna’s Home, Pennington’s Place, our newest adult foster-care facility, will now open in mid-January to early February. Named after Richard Pennington.



Final detail being completed on Pennington’s Place



Richard Pennington

Growth has been very well received in the community, and more people are learning the advantages of an adult foster-care home. We would not have the reputation we do today without the support and trust of our residents and their families, local medical professionals such as Dr. May Fan with BMC Sisters and Joe Bachtold with St. Charles Sisters, home health and hospice agencies such as Partners In Care and St. Charles Home Health of Bend and of course our small-town community of Sisters.

Many thanks go out to our contractor Doug Hull, developers Sam and Linda Blackwell, Mark McBride and architect Chris Mayes for helping make this such a wonderful experience for us and helping give Sisters Country a service to be proud of.

Absolute Serenity would like to wish each and every one in our community a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, and we look forward to your continued support in our small-town adventure.

Please call, email absoluteserenity@ymail.com, or just stop by to experience or find out more about how we can help you and your loved one today!

Sincerely,

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