

# Foster home has new ownership

By Jodi Schneider  
Correspondent

Lori Owen, a registered nurse, recently purchased the adult foster home at 182 E. Tall Fir in Sisters, formerly Absolute Serenity, owned by David Tolle.

Owen is calling it “Our Home.”

“My philosophy is as we provide excellent loving care, we must always be mindful that we are a guest in their home,” she said.

Owen is passionate about her profession.

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Her love of caregiving began at the early age of 13 while working with the elderly as a candy-striper in a nursing home in 1975. Throughout her life she reached out to different occupations, but always returned to caregiving.

Owen told *The Nugget*, “When my last child graduated high school, I decided to go to nursing school and learn the why behind all the things I knew in healthcare.”

While working at St. Charles in Bend as a certified nursing assistant (CNA) Owen completed her registered nursing degree (RN) at

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“My goal was to graduate before 50, and I was 49. Going back to school after my three children were out of school was a good idea,” she added.

Owen’s first position as an RN was at East Cascade Retirement community in Madras, and when she found herself in-between jobs she began working at a local adult foster home in 2015.

Within a few months she bought the home she was working in.

She noted, “One day while searching properties online I shut down the computer and prayed and LL Owen Adult Care Home in Culver literally fell into my lap. It’s a dream come true that’s been in my heart for a long time. About a year after having the adult foster home I began to look

for another property to open a second home, the need is so great.”

Owen looked at a few opportunities and decided not to stray far from Culver.

She added, “But after praying again, I received an e-mail a couple of days later with the opportunity to acquire an AFH in Sisters. Knowing it was far beyond my means I decided to investigate the possibilities. Due to several amazing situations here we are!”

Purchasing the adult foster home seemed serendipitous since Tolle and Owen knew each other as colleagues for a few years.

“Adult foster care has been my favorite venue for many years. For me it’s my calling in life,” she said. “You cannot find another avenue to provide complete care to your residents. I have a lovely young woman who is in the approval process to become the resident care manager here in the Sisters adult foster home. We worked together at Redmond Hospice this past year.

“With two homes in operation I had to let my position at Redmond Hospice go. My husband, Mark, and I believe this is an opportunity for us to bless others.”

“Our Home” will host an open house October 19 from 1 to 6 p.m. at 182 E. Tall Fir to promote the fact that it is under new management. For more information call 541-610-8986.

# Outlaws fall in final minutes on soccer pitch

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The boys soccer team fell 2-0 at Cascade on Wednesday, October 9 — but they played some of their best soccer of the year.

Cascade controlled the ball and dictated the tempo early, but the Outlaws defense settled in and momentum shifted their way about 20 minutes into the game.

Coach Jeff Husmann said, “We’ve been doggedly working on playing small ball as a unit in the midfield the past couple of weeks, and we have certainly improved. This allowed us to move the ball into the finishing third of Cascade. We had offensive opportunities, as did Cascade, but both goalies played well the entire game.”

At the half, the score was deadlocked 0-0.

The second half continued much the same, with both sides losing and gaining momentum. Husmann told *The Nugget* that play was very aggressive and wasn’t held in check as much as it needed to be. Toward the end, Oscar Rhett suffered an injury to the back of the neck while he was on the ground as keeper, and the game was delayed for 25 minutes.

“It was scary, as he needed to be back-boarded off the field,” said Husmann. “The team was visibly and

understandably upset by the loss of their starting goalkeeper, as he was taken to the hospital. He’s OK and recovering from a mild concussion.”

Cascade scored twice in the final 10 minutes of the contest and got the win.

“I’m so proud of the manner in which this team played today, and more importantly, how they handled a challenging situation,” said Husmann. “Their heads and hearts were with the injured teammate and friend. While the 2-0 loss stings, it’s their collective character that I am most proud of.”

Husmann noted Noah Pittman and Gavin Christian (both sophomores) for their outstanding play.

“Noah played his best match of the season,” said Husmann. “He’s been working hard learning to contain players, rather than stab in, and it certainly showed today. He had his hands full with their crafty strikers. Gavin demonstrated an increasing maturity in his role as an outside midfielder.”

The Outlaws were scheduled to play at Woodburn on Tuesday, October 15. They will play at home against Philomath on Thursday.




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