

Joining families in marriage is a family affair for Laura Burlus, owner of the Troutdale House on the Historic Columbia River Highway in Troutdale.

"My family is a great support," Laura says, adding that her parents, husband, sisters and in-laws all play a part in each nuptial held at the facility on the banks of the Sandy River.

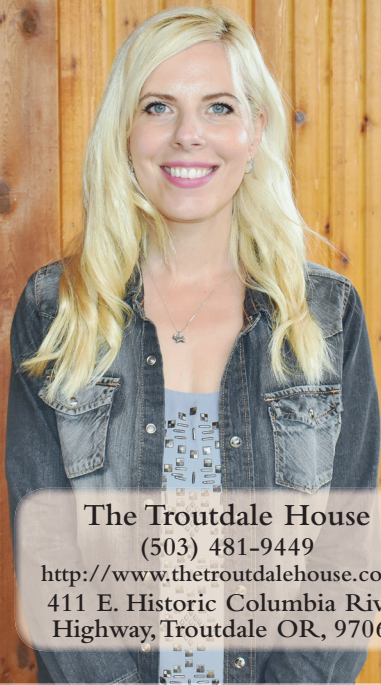
Laura bought the Troutdale House more than 10 years ago intent on turning the historic building into a wedding and events venue.

"I fell in love with weddings when I was 9 years old, as a flower girl at my sister's wedding," Laura says. "I want my customers to know that I truly want them to have the best day of their life and then, proceed to have a lifetime of best days together."

The Troutdale House offers seven ceremony choices for weddings. Laura also makes two guest town homes a block from the venue available to honeymooners and is currently remodeling a cottage near the Sandy River for "staycation honeymooners."

"The best part of my job is always hearing a love story," Laura says. "Who doesn't want to hear a great love story?"

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