



## Chronicles of a Neighborhood Market

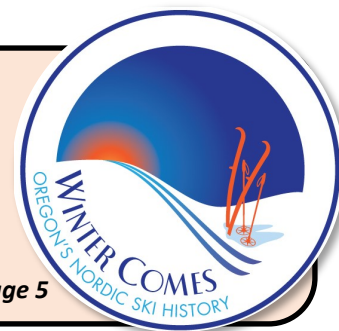
*How 285 NW Riverside Blvd has  
changed over the years*

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## Winter Returns

*Back by popular demand,  
“Winter Comes” returns to the  
Deschutes Historical Museum*

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# The Homesteader

Deschutes County Historical Society Newsletter—November 2019



## Annual Chili Feed and Bake Sale

**November 8-9 11 a.m.– 3 p.m.**

*Featuring Millie's Chili made with Barley Beef from the Rastovich Family Farm*

Join the fun November 8-9, 2019 starting at 11:00 am at the Deschutes Historical Museum, and drop in for a bowl of tasty chili, cooked with locally raised Barley Beef from Rastovich Farms, one of the oldest working family farms in the county.

Museum admission is free during the event, so check out the new exhibits, pick up some homemade goodies at the old-fashioned bake sale featuring items baked by our local volunteers and members, and peruse the prizes to be won at our raffle fundraiser. You might win the History Pub Table Reservation for 2020, or the date night package to historic Tower Theatre and the Pine Tavern.

**For more information contact the Deschutes Historical Museum, 541-389-1813, or email [deschuteshistory.org](http://deschuteshistory.org).**

***We look forward seeing you there!***

# From Whiskey Flat to Active Culture

by Sue Fountain

The market at the nexus of three streets on Riverside Boulevard has seen many changes since it was built in the early 1930s. In the beginning it was a gas station with a little grocery store attached. Mill workers headed home from Shevlin-Hixon or Brooks-Scanlon stopped there to get gas and pick up a loaf of bread. Home for them was most likely in one of the little "mill houses" along Riverfront, or "Whiskey Flat" as it used to be known. The Flat was sandwiched between Riverfront and Riverside and bordered by Gilchrist and Mueller Streets. The name Whiskey Flat came about in the 1920s during Prohibition. Many of the mill workers enjoyed a drink or two, and Prohibition did not stop them. Some of the older folks told stories about people hiding their home brew in cellars or under floorboards. It wasn't unusual for someone to be arrested and jailed for a few nights, but that didn't deter them.

According to tax records, Darrell Wheeler was the first owner of the little gas and grocery store that became The Riverside



285 NW Riverside Boulevard in 1998, empty and waiting new owners.

Market. In 1942 he sold it to David Harquail who had owned a little store at 412 Riverfront. Denis Berrigan, who has lived in the neighborhood since he was a boy, knew the Harquail family and remembers the store on Riverfront which is no longer there. In 1943 Harquail sold the Riverside Market to Al and Amy Harrington, and they ran the store for many years.

It was a fixture in the

neighborhood—the kind of place where you could charge gas and groceries until payday, and kids would stop in to buy candy and popsicles. There was usually a cribbage game going on, so customers might have to wait until the grocery clerk finished a move before they could pay. In 1973 Darryl Rodgers bought the store and continued to sell gas and groceries until 1983. That was the year that a heavy ice jam backed up the river and water flooded into people's yards and as far up as the gas pumps on Riverside. Once water flowed into the tank, it was the end to having a gas station in the area.

In the late 1990s then owner Al Bond added three bedrooms to the back and rented out the rooms. At that time the store was known informally as the language school, a place where people met to practice language skills. Local realtor Scott McLean purchased the store from Bond in 2000 as an investment property and rented out the space. After having several unsuccessful renters, he and his wife, Patty, decided to take over the store and run it themselves. That is when it began evolving into more than just a store. Large flowerpots replaced the old gas pumps, and picnic tables moved into the covered area. The "Wheels of Fun" bikes were staged at the



"The Riverside Market" circa 2006

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**Deschutes  
Historical Museum**

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market, and a play castle appeared for kids to enjoy. The McLeans hired a chef to cook up special meals with Patty on Wednesdays and Sundays. The food was good, the atmosphere friendly, and people packed the place. The Riverside Market became the hub of the neighborhood.

After about eight years, Scott and Patty sold the store. The market remained a fun place until it became too much fun, and too much noise issued from it. Neighbors complained until the new owners closed it down. In 2016, after undergoing remodeling, the market opened again as the French Market Café. The owners had high hopes for the restaurant, but it only lasted about a year before new owners took over. Currently, the market is called “Active Culture,” a vegetarian café, and has attracted a solid crowd who enjoy the option of good food prepared locally. Denis Berrigan remembers when it was just called “the little store.” Now that little store has really changed from its beginnings as a gas and grocery stop in Whiskey Flat to the healthy eatery it has now become.



285 NW Riverside Boulevard today. “Active Culture” opened in September of 2018. It is one of three locations, the other two are in Laguna Beach and San Clemente, California.

## Historical Haunt Walks Big Success

A great big thank you to all who helped make this year’s Historical Haunts of Downtown Bend walking tours a grand success, both to volunteers and participants. This year the Deschutes Historical Museum ran 27 tours for nearly 400 participants, raising \$3300 dollars over two days, with a “sold-out” Saturday.

Since 2010, the Deschutes County Historical Society has hosted this fall fundraiser, which continues to grow in popularity. The money raised from this event allows DCHS to continue to bring local history to the community through walks, talks, school field trips, off-site presentations, new exhibits, and more.

Next year, 2020, the tour will celebrate its 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary with a new route, new locations and new stories. You won’t want to miss out on the fun, so mark your calendar today for October 16 -17, 2020.

Enter to win a 10th Anniversary  
Private Haunt Walk Tour in the  
Chili Feed Raffle! \$1/ticket or \$5/6 tickets.



# DCHS NEWS



Mary Sue Chopp's senior photo

## Susie Penhollow Named Bend Senior High Distinguished Alumni

On October 11<sup>th</sup>, Bend High School held their annual Distinguished Alumni Assembly as a culmination event of their Homecoming Week. Susie Penhollow, longtime Deschutes Historical Society member and former board president was one of the inductees. She was inducted along with Todd Taylor and Bob Lanzoratta.

The three were introduced at the assembly by staff members who read their biographies, and Principal, Chris Reese presented them with plaques. The plaques will remain at Bend High in the front hall of the school where there is a "long blue line" of alumni who have been honored in this manner.

Members of the DCHS know Susie from her years of leadership on the DCHS board of directors, and the annual Chili Feed where she cooks up her mother's famous recipe, Millie's Chili. She also served the community as the Deschutes County Clerk for twenty years. In that role she supervised elections in several Eastern European countries. She is also active in the League of Women Voters and her church activities. She embodies all that is best about our community.

Past inductees were invited to the assembly and introduced to the student body. Leon Devereaux garnered the biggest applause when the students heard that he was a 1941 graduate of Bend High and had earned three air medals during WW II combat. Terry Foley was introduced as a representative of his father, Robert Foley, who graduated in 1929. This is the tenth year Bend High has awarded Distinguished Alumni plaques.

## Giving Tuesday is December 3<sup>rd</sup>



Express your participation in Giving Tuesday with a gift donation to DCHS in your name or the name of a family member or a dear friend. Here is an opportunity to give a one-of-a-kind holiday present.

Cyber Monday and Black Friday are about buying and giving "stuff". Giving Tuesday celebrates so much more than that and has *something for everyone*: a tax deduction for yourself, perhaps a gift for a special person in your life, AND support for our unique mission to preserve, promote and celebrate local Deschutes County history.

If you choose to gift your donation in the name of another, we will contact you for your directions about creating a gift acknowledgement: i.e., name and address of recipient. Recognition of your generosity will be mailed after your instructions.

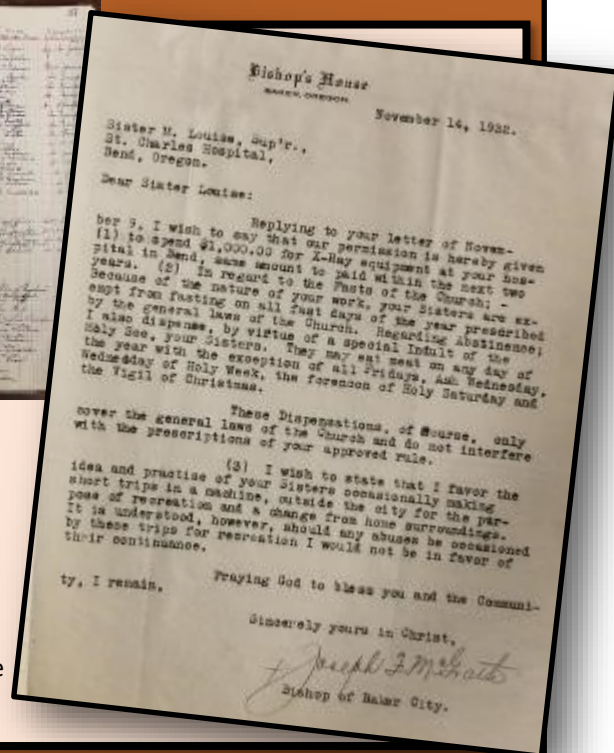
Become one of the many charitable participants of Giving Tuesday and help us continue to share the precious Deschutes County artifacts and history with the community. [CLICK HERE](#) to donate online.

**Tax Tip...** Did you know that if you are 70 ½ or older, you can make a charitable gift to the Deschutes County Historical Society from your IRA and NOT count that gift as part of your adjusted gross income? We suggest you speak with your broker or financial advisor.



## New to the Collection

In 2018, the St. Charles Health System, the region's largest private employer, turned one hundred years old. Over the last many years, the St. Charles Foundation has carefully preserved important pieces of their legacy, including: scrapbooks created by nuns who served there, letters, record books, photographs, oral and written histories, videos, and physical artifacts. In October, the St. Charles Foundation formally turned over care of the collection to the Deschutes Historical Museum to catalog and preserve for future generations of Deschutes County residents. We look forward to processing these valuable artifacts and making them available to visitors in the near future.





## Exhibit Updates



## Winter Comes... Again!

After a successful touring run, DCHS' exhibit *Winter Comes: Oregon's Nordic Ski History* is back on display at the Museum. The exhibit traveled to the Klamath County History Museum, the Nordia House in Beaverton, and the Mt. Hood Cultural Center at Government Camp during a two-year exhibit tour.

A few pieces on loan, including Emil Nordeen's trophy, *The Klamath*, have been returned to their owners or respective museums—we thank everyone who loaned their items for trusting us with them and allowing them to be a part of this great story. The core exhibit has been reinstalled. It highlights the history of Nordic skiing as brought to Oregon by Scandinavian immigrants, and the legendary Skyliners. A "must see" exhibit for any and all local or visiting skiers, *Winter Comes* is on display now through mid-March.



**Where in  
the world?**



*If you've visited the "Cruisin' 97" exhibit, you are in good company! Visitors who have added their home countries to the exhibit's map (left) have traveled from as far away as:*

Managua, Nicaragua  
Havana, Cuba  
Cuernavaca, Mexico  
Kumamoto, Japan  
Cologne, Germany  
Esfahan, Iran  
Stirling, Scotland  
Sydney, Australia  
Tauranga, New Zealand  
Chengdu, China  
Banja Luka, Bosnia Herzegovina  
*and so many more!!*



**Start a New  
Tradition this  
Thanksgiving**

# Family Story Friday

One valuable role that the Deschutes Historical Museum volunteers fill is that of the keeper of stories. Oral histories are collected from folks whose families have deep roots in our community, and those stories are transcribed for future readers.

A personal experience illustrates how important these stories are: A year ago, while visiting my mother, I decided to try collecting some stories about her childhood. Thanks to some helpful guidance from the DHM oral history interviewers, I was able ask open-ended questions, and elicit details. However, I found that my mother's memory was faded enough that she could no longer remember details, or was not confident in her answers. Thankfully, I have a recording of these brief conversations with her.

A year later, Mom passed away. While cleaning out her files, I found a treasure: the transcription of an oral history interview that was done with her in 2012. The questions all related to her childhood, her grandparents, school days, siblings, all the stories that I had hoped to capture! It is a record that none of my family knew about, and we are all so excited to have it.

There is a lesson here: **collect stories while you can!** You do not have to be a grandparent for your stories to be valuable. Ask all the questions you have always wondered about, while the answers are still there. Share your stories while they are still vivid in your mind.

**We pose a challenge to you:** This year, as your family gathers together for the Thanksgiving holiday, make a plan to share stories. Instead of shopping for holiday gifts, exchange memories. Plan your discussions ahead of time, listing topics you would like to share. Make this a new family tradition: **Family Story Friday**.

This idea is inspired by volunteer Linda Heuser, and by "The Great Thanksgiving Listen," a program from StoryCorps, the non-profit organization for sharing and keeping stories: [StoryCorps.org](http://StoryCorps.org)

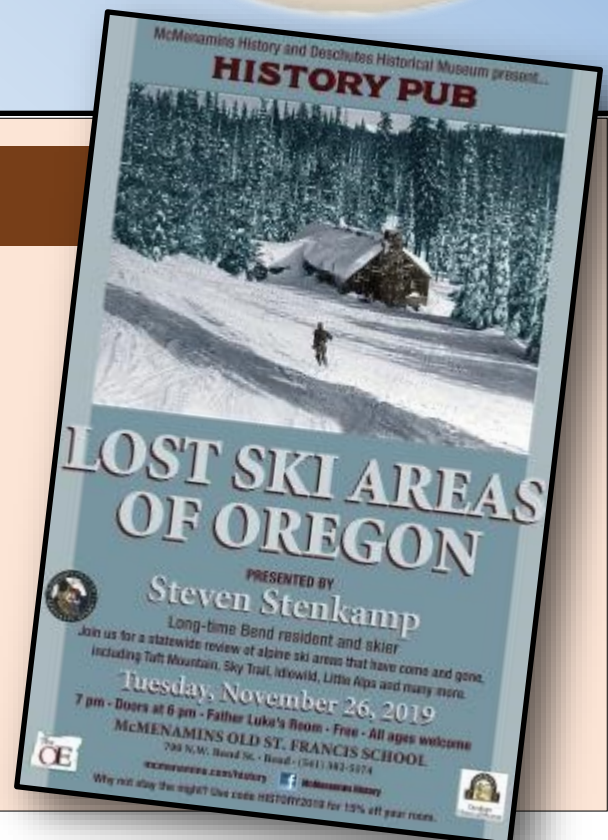
—Tracy Alexander



## Mark Your Calendars

### NOVEMBER

- 8-9 **ANNUAL CHILI FEED, BAKE SALE, AND RAFFLE**  
11 a.m. – 3 p.m. Deschutes Historical Museum
- 19 **VOLUNTEER MEETING**  
1 p.m. Deschutes Historical Museum
- 26 **HISTORY PUB: LOST SKI AREAS OF OREGON**  
Presented by Steven Stenkamp, long time Bend resident and skier  
**McMenamins Old St. Francis**  
Father Luke Room, 7 p.m., doors open at 6 p.m.  
*First-come-first-served seating, no reservations required.*
- 28 **THANKSGIVING MUSEUM CLOSED**
- 29 **FAMILY STORY FRIDAY** See article above



**DESCHUTES HISTORICAL MUSEUM'S**

*Chili Feed,  
Bake Sale &  
Rabble*

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