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talk," Ladonna said. "I remember the big snow of January '92, when everything was shut off from town. Carol Patrick crosscountry skied down from Davidson Road for groceries. There was no power; the guys still came in to sit around the stove. It was so much fun."

Those were the years that saw an influx of counterculture folks, when Williams was still a logging town with a mill. "We catered to both groups because we enjoyed both," Ladonna said. "We had beer for the loggers, natural foods for the hippies. If there was a confrontation, I didn't have any problem saying, 'Knock it off. You're all my customers, all my friends. We're not playing that game here.""

Rob and Jody Wagner owned the store from 1998 to 2008. They moved the gas pumps to the back and put a sidewalk in front. Cathy Hazelton, who owned the store after the Wagners and sold it to the Glasses, put in the back room and brought in coolers and a freezer for ice cream.

Current owners Heather and Tom are also committed to serving the whole community. They have tolerated no loitering, no pot, no unleashed pets. Customers have to park properly; no one is allowed to carry signs.

> "Tom loves this store," Heather says. "He wants

people to respect it and love it as he does." Heather and Tom's main emphasis is to provide affordable food for the community, "so they don't have to go to

in front. Cathy Hazelton, who owned the store after the Wagners and sold it to the Glasses, put in the back room and in California, where his father and



A photo of the Williams Store believed to have been taken in the mid-1970s.

grandfather both owned stores. Tom and Heather were working in Portland, in the tech industry, when a friend who knew that Tom yearned after running a store, told him about a notice on Facebook that the Williams Store was for sale.

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