

chili

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The chili feed was the brainchild of Millie Chopp, the late matriarch of the Rastovich family, Louise Brogan, the daughter-in-law of newsman and author Phil Brogan and Dorothy Cale, Deschutes County's first female commissioner. They wanted to find a way to help fund the newly founded Deschutes Historical Museum after it opened its doors in downtown Bend in July of 1980. The three women settled on chicken noodle soup, according to The Bulletin's archives, but that didn't last long.

"Millie's Chili" was their answer, and it's drawn people to the Veterans Day weekend event since 1981.

Now, new generations of women carry on the legacy of hard work and determination started by Chopp, Brogan and Cale, said Kristin Okhuysen, 55, who is Chopp's granddaughter.

"Grandma Millie inspired a value of hard work in all of us," Okhuysen said.

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Two women, Tina DeMelo, 58, and Emily Rastovich, 35,



Patrons enjoy the comradery during the Deschutes Historical Museum's Annual Chili Feed & Raffle in Bend Saturday. One of the ingredients Saturday was 60 pounds of Barley Beef from the over 100-year-old Rastovich family farm. The farm's cattle is fed with the spent grain from local Bend breweries.

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who are also descendants of Millie Chopp, stood in front of a stove, their arms stirring large pots of chili Saturday afternoon to keep it from burning. At the end of the day, when they hang up their aprons, they'll still smell like the garlic they used in the chili, they said.

The recipe has been passed down for at least four generations, and it remains a secret known only by members of the family. One of the ingredients Saturday was 60 pounds of Barley Beef from the over 100-year-old Rastovich family farm. The farm's cattle is fed with the spent grain from lo-

cal Bend breweries.

Sue Penhollow used to play in the big barn on the Rastovich family farm as a child. She is one of Chopp's daughters, and she is at the core of carrying on the tradition of the chili feed.

"It's just a homecoming," Penhollow said.

Penhollow, 78, is a former Deschutes County Clerk and a longtime Bendite. She remembers the days when "everybody knew everybody" in Bend. She spent Friday and Saturday giving and receiving hugs from people she hadn't seen since the last chili feed two years ago.

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"It's just wonderful," she said. Before the pandemic, volunteers, mostly from the Rastovich family or the Deschutes Historical Society, would make around 200 bowls of chili for each day of the two-day event — it began on Friday — and sell out by the end, \$10 a bowl. This year, they sold around 150 bowls on Friday, Cannon-Miller said.

She was just happy that folks still came to support the historical society, she said. The promise of a bowl of "Millie's chili" — or sometimes two — was enough to attract long-time patrons and first-timers.

The chili had not lost any of its flavor during its two-year absence. Some speculated on Saturday it was the beef. Some thought the garlic. But most of them accepted it as a fact of life, a cold weather tradition. It was just good.

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DALLAS

Two historic aircraft collide at Veterans Day show

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Associated Press

DALLAS — Two historic military aircraft collided and crashed Saturday during an air show in Dallas, exploding into a ball of flames and sending black smoke billowing into the sky.

It was not clear how many people were on board.

Emergency crews raced to the crash scene at the Dallas Executive Airport, about 10 miles from the city's downtown. News footage from the scene showed crumpled wreckage of the planes in a grassy area inside the airport perimeter. Dallas Fire-Rescue told The Dallas Morning News that there were no reported injuries among people on the

ground.

Anthony Montoya saw the two planes collide.

"I just stood there. I was in complete shock and disbelief," said Montoya, 27, who attended the air show with a friend. "Everybody around was gasping. Everybody was bursting into tears. Everybody was in shock."

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